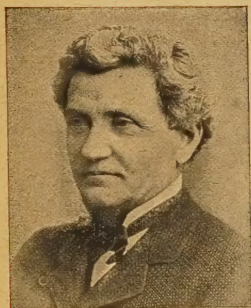


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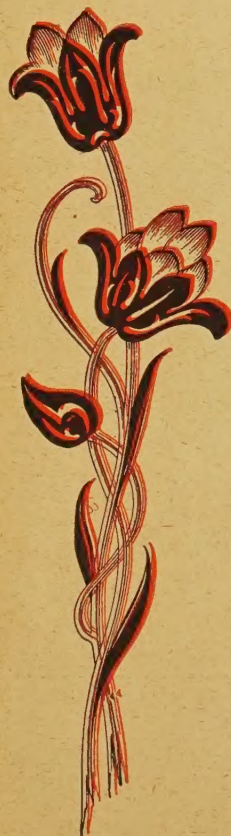
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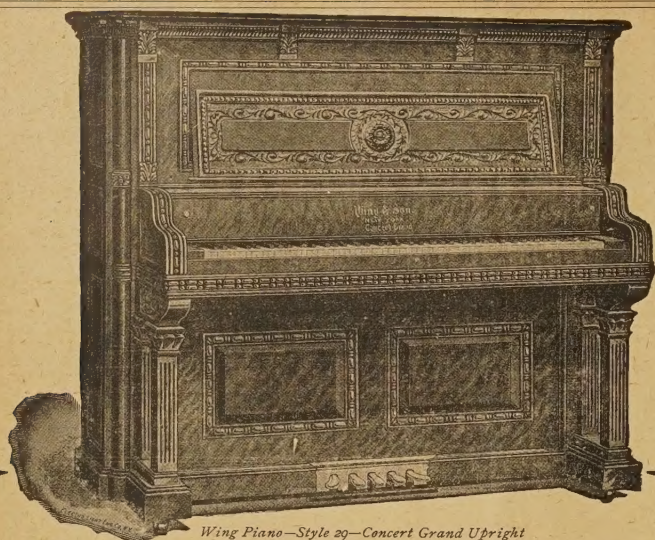
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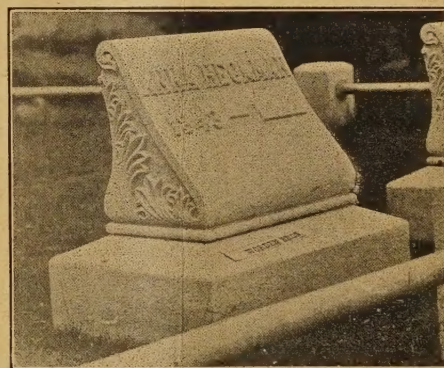
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Spiraeas, the Favorite Shrubs.

The woody *Spiraeas* are among the most desirable shrubs for the lawn, the garden, or the hardy border of shrubbery. Their time of blooming extends over several months, beginning in the early spring and lasting through the summer. By a proper selection of species and varieties continuous bloom may be secured. They are easily cultivated, will grow in almost any soil, are perfectly hardy, and most of them are profuse bloomers.

There are many sorts, differing in size, in foliage, in manner of growth and of bloom. The name *spiraea* was used by Theophrastus and is supposed to be from the Greek *speiras*, to wind, alluding to the fitness of the plants for forming into garlands, but many of the species now cultivated have a stiff, erect manner of growth.

The foliage of the *Spiraeas* is exceedingly diversified, and many species are named from peculiarities of the leaves, or from their resemblance to those of other plants. There is *callosa*, the callous-leaved; *cana*, the hoary-leaved, *ceanothifolia*, the ceanothus-leaved; *ulmifolia*, the elm-leaved; *prunifolia*, the prunus or plum-leaved; *salicifolia*, the willow-leaved; *sorbifolia*, the *Sorbus*-leaved; and many others too numerous to mention. In the color of the foliage there is also a great variety; some species have yellowish-green leaves, some bright, vivid green; *opulifolia* var. *Aurea* has golden-yellow tinted foliage, and to some species the autumn brings bright tints which last a long time.

The manner of blooming is also much diversified. Some species have long, drooping sprays of leaf and bloom, two feet or more in length; in others the flowers are in clusters thickly scattered over the bushes. Some bear tiny blossoms in stiff, upright spikes and panicles, others in flat corymbs, and still others in soft and feathery plumes. Some species have single flowers, others have blossoms as double as miniature roses.

In color the blossoms of the *Spiraeas* are usually white, or pink of various shades deepening into rose, carmine and crimson.

Spiraeas sometimes require a year or two after planting to develop their characteristics, and they should not be condemned if they do not quite meet one's expectations the first time they bloom; the yellow-foliaged varieties, especially, are much more satisfactory after becoming well-established.

The white-flowered species of *Spiraeas* are particularly effective when planted among shrubs which bear bright-colored blossoms, or near dark-foliaged plants like the purple-leaved barberry. Planted in masses, with an eye to the best intermingling

of colors and species, they present a beautiful appearance, and they also make elegant low, ornamental hedges. Single specimens on the lawn or in the garden, with plenty of room for development make a magnificent showing in a few years, particularly species with long, willowy branches so heavy when in bloom that they sweep the ground.

For cutting the *Spiraeas* are eminently desirable; a few graceful sprays in bouquets of bright-colored flowers soften and harmonize the whole, adding exquisiteness and delicacy to the general effect, and the long, graceful flower-wreathed branches of the drooping sorts are effective for decorating.

The spring-flowering species of *Spiraeas* have an opulence of bloom that makes the bushes a mass of white, like drifts of snow. As a whole, white-

whose taste is not at all proportioned to the length of her purse looks with longing, if not with envy, at the beautiful shrubs which adorn the grounds of her more wealthy neighbor, knowing that she cannot even hope to have similar ones, but *Spiraeas* are not at all expensive. The price varies from fifteen to fifty cents, some of the most beautiful species being obtainable at the minimum price.

In the fall, after the year's growth has been hardened by light frosts and the leaves have fallen, is the best time for transplanting *Spiraeas*. New plants may be propagated, if desired, by making cuttings of soft wood during the summer, rooting them in sand, or by separating from the main plant some of the numerous shoots which spring from the root.

The following *Spiraeas* are all eminently desirable, affording variety and continuity of bloom, and can be procured of all prominent nurserymen and florists:

Spiraea arguta blooms in early May; it is of very graceful habit, the shoots being thia, wiry, arching, and completely covered on the upper side with compact clusters of the purest white flowers. The leaves are of a light but vivid green, appearing after the flowers. It is perfectly hardy and by many is considered the very best early-blooming *Spiraea*. (See illustration page 2.)

S. Thunbergii (Thunberg's *Spiraea*) is of dwarf habit with pendulous branches which give the plant a graceful appearance even when out of bloom; leaves narrow and of a yellowish-green color; flowers small, single, white and very profuse; a desirable early-blooming species. Two to four feet. May.

S. prunifolia flore pleno, the Double Plum-leaved *Spiraea*, is the well-known Bridal Wreath. It is deservedly one of the most popular species, flowering early and profusely and remaining a

long time in bloom. The flowers are small, double, pure white, thickly set on the curving branches which are so willowy that they are easily bent into garlands, hence the name. The foliage turns a beautiful bronze in the fall. Three to five feet. May.

S. Van Houttei (Van Houtte's *Spiraea*) is without doubt the finest species in cultivation. The plant sends up numerous tall, slender shoots which curve gracefully toward the ground and are literally covered with a profusion of pure white flowers. It is perfectly hardy, a beautiful ornament to the lawn at any time, and by many landscape gardeners is classed as the finest hardy shrub. Three to five feet. Last of May and early June. (See illustration, page 2.)

S. Reevesii is a beautiful shrub with graceful branches and large round clusters of pure white



SPIRAEA SORBIFOLIA.

flowered, early-blooming species are the ones most admired and most generally planted, but many of the summer-blooming kinds are valuable as furnishing variety and color in the hardy border, and because they successfully withstand the heat and drouth.

A large collection of *Spiraeas* would necessitate extensive grounds, but a dozen species would give variety and afford continuous bloom, and half a dozen choice ones would make a very good assortment. If you have only room for one, two, or three, it may be hard to make a selection, but you can scarcely fail to obtain some satisfactory kinds, for all are beautiful, desirable and highly ornamental.

One feature which makes the *Spiraeas* particularly desirable for general planting is the moderate price at which they can be procured. Many a one

flowers which cover the whole plant and render it exceedingly effective. Three to five feet. June. *S. opulifolia* var. *aurea*, the Golden-leaved Spiraea, is very effective on the lawn, especially in contrast with purple-leaved shrubs. The leaves are bordered with a rich, golden yellow, brightest in the early spring; flowers double, white. Three to five feet. June.

S. ulmifolia, or Elm-leaved Spiraea, has leaves somewhat resembling those of an Elm and large, round clusters of white flowers in June.

S. salicifolia, the Willow-leaved Spiraea, has long, narrow, pointed leaves and rose-colored flowers in June and July.

S. sorbifolia is a very vigorous species with leaves like those of the Mountain Ash and long, elegant spikes of white flowers. A very showy species. It blooms in July and August. Three to six feet. (See illustration, page 1.)

S. Billardi and *S. Douglasi* are quite similar, bearing panicles of deep rose-colored flowers in July and August. Two to five feet.

S. callosa, or Fortune's Spiraea, is a fine, distinct species with bright rose-colored flowers in corymbs or flat clusters. It blooms freely all summer and is very desirable on that account. Two to four feet. July and August.

S. callosa var. *alba* is a dwarf variety of the above with pure white flowers. It is free flowering and blooms in August.

S. Bumalda is a very handsome species from Japan. It has beautiful deep rose-pink flowers which appear in great profusion in July and continue until autumn. It is a magnificent, compact, rapid growing species, dwarf in habit and very useful for edgings to beds and shrubberies.

Spiraea Anthony Waterer is a variety of *Bumalda* of recent introduction. It is dwarf in habit, from twelve to fifteen inches high, of compact, bushy form with bright crimson flowers, and blooms from June to October so lavishly that the flat clusters of blossoms almost hide the leaves. It is a striking and attractive shrub, a very desirable plant for bedding and borders, and withstands the hot sun better than any other Spiraea. The season of blooming of both *Bumalda* and *Anthony Waterer* can be prolonged if the old blossoms are cut off.

Taken all in all, it seems as if no other class of shrubs had so many eminently desirable qualities as the Spiraeas, which greet us so early in the spring, fill in the gaps in the hardy border in the summer, and take on the bright tints of autumn in the fall. Every garden should contain one or more of them.—*Florence Beckwith.*



SPIRAEA ARGUTA.

The Flowerless Yard and its Opposite.

Four gay girls, three sturdy boys, and a healthy mother—a neverfailing crystal clear well of water, a wide yard, and no flowers save a few scattered passion vines whose forebears sprung from seeds brought by the passing wind, that forced themselves through the sod.

It seemed odd and unfitting to me, and especially so when I saw those girls clutching eagerly some sweet peas presented them, and heard their delighted exclamations over the gift of a few purple pansies.

"We can't have flowers at our house—we have no pit, and we keep chickens." Vain and idle excuses for many a yard akin to the Sahara in lack of flower cheer.

I never hear them but there crosses my mental vision a thin little calico clad figure with work-hardened hands and eyes ashine with love of the beautiful. In her yard flowers, kittens, children and chickens thrive all together. And not one of her flowers has to be wintered in a pit.

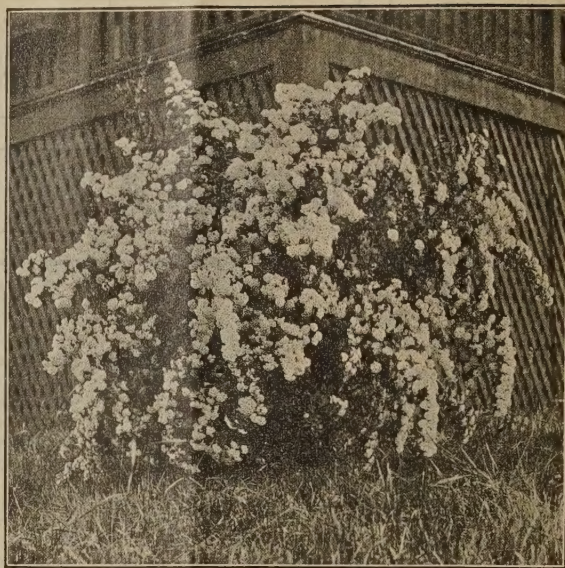
As winter leaves her domains there spring up sweet violets and snow drops, crocus and daffodils, and in late March and early April, Japonica flowers, hyacinths—the little grape variety the hardy single kinds—tulips; myrtle and, bridal wreath blooms bring beauty within the Little Woman's gates; May finds there lilacs, lilies of the valley, pinks and peonies, mock orange blossoms, bleeding hearts, snow balls, blue flags, calacanthus buds and virgins about blossoms; there are sweet williams, garden phlox, and white lilies, hollyhocks and honeysuckles in June and roses, fingers of Flora, the roses! On the lawn the hardy reds kiss the pinks, over the house windows the yellows climb and peep in at the baby-trod rag carpets, and when the Little Woman rolls the stones away that with a light covering of earth protect those too tender for winter blasts, they come forth a mighty throng in the white, the cream, and the blood-red robes of their glorious resurrection.

July's sunshines on the gladioli, the hydrangeas, the satiny spotted gloxinias, the tall ornamental grasses, the altheas, purple, and white and lavender, and in August there are the tube roses, the white, the pink and the purple pond lilies.

September brings ladies' slippers and dahlias and finds the elephants ears at their best. November brings chrysanthemums and the wahoo bushes throw their red berries in the lap of December.

And besides the plants long tamed by cultivation there grow in the Little Calico Lady's yard wild wood shrubs and herbs. Ferns, protected from the familiarities of chickens and cats by a two-pot-high poultry netting fence, grow as rank and tall on the shady side of the house, as in their native haunts at the foot of the beeches; on the lawn the satiny leaved hawthorne shrubs spread contentedly their flat panicles of snowy bloom; the pinky sprays of the red bud mingle with the creamy dogwood flowers and the wahoos and holly trees thrive with woodland vigor. Wild roses, pink, sweet, trailing are brought from the meadows, and there was a white kind that grew in only one spot in the entire country side, on the edge of a dangerous cliff, which the Little Woman's husband, "gentle and easy to be entreated," secured for her.

And from the seeds she sows what generosity of blossoms, what complexity of colors spring! There are earliest of all poppies, pansies, verbenas, and calliopsis. She protects



SPIRAEA VAN HOUTTEI.

her beds of verbenas and pansy plants through winter with leaves and light litter and the poppy and calliopsis seeds she sows in the fall.

The sweet peas she plants in rows in the vegetable garden where they may be cultivated with the ten-year-old's hand plow, and many a lonely crone in the Salt River Valley can give testimony to the sweetness and beauty of the blossoms that grow on canes in the Little Woman's garden.

The beds of phlox, mignonette, scarlet sage, snapdragons, petunias, asters, dwarf nasturtiums, feverfew, larkspur, pansies, verbenas, poppies and calliopsis are surrounded by the obliging poultry netting through which their faces smile at baffled biddy with her itching toes.

The sturdy zinnias, whose red heads seem like blood spots on the white-washed panels of the side yard fence, and the front yard cannas, whose tropical grandeur on moonlit August nights brings to mind the land of the mighty Amazon, need no protection.

I wondered why the Little Woman had flowers everywhere even to the kitchen doorway, but when one noontide, I saw her with dishrag in hand, sweat drops on brow, and weariness in eyes step to the door and bend over the brilliant blossoms in the portulaca box and rest her hot cheek a moment on the cool blue of the forget-me-nots, and come in with courage and freshness in her mien, I no longer wondered.—*Sarah Bell Hackley.*

DAISIES.

The hills are faint in a cloudy blue,
That loses itself where the sky bends over,
The wind is shaking the orchard thro',
And sending a quiver thro' knee-deep clover.
The air is sweet with a strange perfume,
That comes from the depths of the woodland places,
The fields are hid in a wealth of bloom,
And white with the sweep of the ox-eye daisies!
And farther down where the brook runs thro',
Where the ferns are cool in the prisoned shadow,
We still may see, thro' the morning dew,
The swell and sweep of the daisied meadow.

And then when the wind across it blows,
And the wavering lines of silver follow,
We catch the gleam of her heart of gold,
While over her skirts the fleet-winged swallow.
Clear and simple in white and gold,
Meadow blossom of sunlit spaces,—
The field is full as it can hold
And white with the drift of the ox-eye daisies!
—*Dora Read Goodale.*

Floral Gossip

By Eben E. Rexford.

Too many amateur florists neglect during the summer season plants they intend to make use of in the house next winter. The result of this neglect is sadly apparent when the plants are taken into the house, and they are seen in the window garden in a group. Often not one among them will be in good condition. Awkward in shape, because of lack of proper training during the season of rapid development, half leafless because of insect ravages or dryness at the roots—altogether shabby and forlorn—who has not seen them, and pitied them because of their being in a condition for which they were in no wise responsible? The fact is, it is an easy matter to keep one's plants *always* looking well if proper care is given them. Even when dormant, they need not have that dilapidated look which so often characterizes the plants of the fitful gardener. In the cultivation of plants, as in other work, it doesn't pay to go by "fits and starts." Don't expend a great deal of labor on your plants one week and entirely neglect them the next. You couldn't "even up" matters in that way. Make a point of giving daily attention to them. Keep watch of them and when you see something needs doing, do it, and do it *at once*. This not only benefits the plant, but it helps you to form the desirable habit of not putting off things—a habit very easy to form but very hard to break up, and one which soon exerts a baneful influence throughout all the departments of life.

I presume a great many persons neglect their plants because they do not fully recognize their need of prompt attention. They may notice that a plant seems to require water, but they think that it won't "make much difference" whether they attend to it now, or later. By and by they *do* attend to it, but often not until a great deal of mischief has been done. The plant has received a check from which it will not recover in a long time. Often one instance of neglect will undo what a plant has been six months in doing. Of course not all plants are so sensitive to bad treatment, but even the least susceptible ones will be harmed by it.

This neglect to do what needs doing *when* it needs doing is very apparent in the appearance of many of the lawns we see. Some of them show a week's growth of grass. Some have not been mowed for a fortnight. They put us in mind of the man who hasn't visited the barber. By and by the owner falls at it and runs the mower over the lawn, but the work done looks like an amateur barber's job at hair cutting with dull shears. It will be necessary to go over the ground three or four times before the sward takes on the smooth look it must have to be attractive. This calls for a good deal more labor than would have been necessary to keep the lawn looking as it should. By doing little things at the proper time we can economize greatly on labor, and we should aim to be as economical in this respect as in the use of money. "A stitch in time saves nine," you know.

If any of your plants are going to need repotting in fall, get ready for the work before hand. Prepare your compost. Gather together the pots that will be needed. Have a lot of drainage material on hand. If this is done, it will be an easy matter to repot your plants when the time comes to do so. The "getting ready" for it is the hardest part of the work. If put off until it can be put off no longer, we generally do the work in such a hurry that it is poorly done. And that doesn't pay. If you want good plants, you must do good, honest work among them.

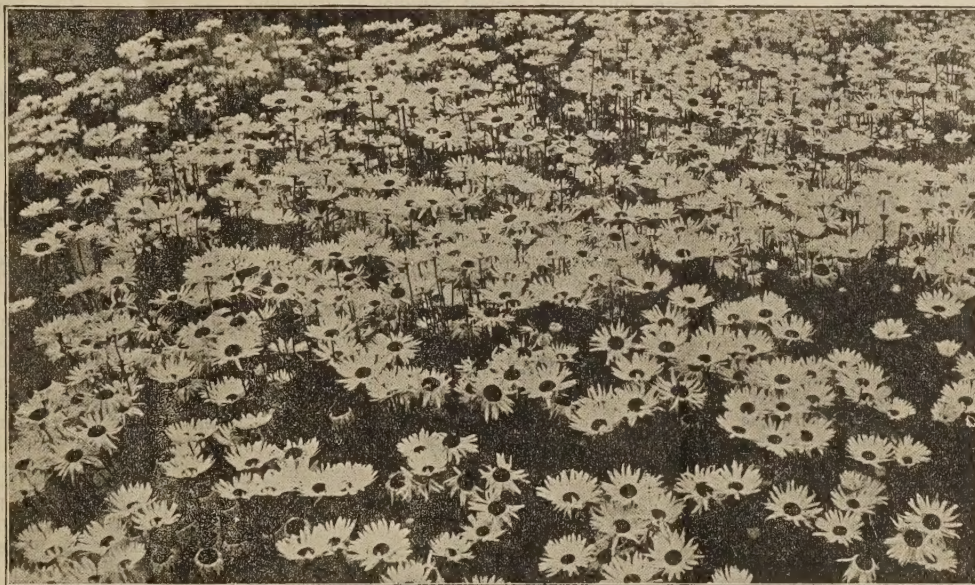
Often we see overgrown oleanders turned out into the garden in summer. There they bloom profusely, and are far more attractive than most shrubs are. Fall comes, and because we haven't room for them in the house, they are left to perish in the cold. It is an easy matter to winter large oleanders in the cellar. Take them up with a good deal of earth about their roots, and put them in a dark, cool corner. To keep the soil from crumbling from the roots, they may be wrapped in a piece of old carpet, or something similar. It will not be necessary to give them much water during winter—just enough to keep the soil from

alike and is gladly greeted each year when its fair white blossoms begin to bespangle our fields and roadsides. There are few flowers in cultivation whose beauty would produce more effect on the beholder than that of a field of white daisies seen for the first time. They take kindly to cultivation, but it is in masses in the meadows that they show to best advantage; fields of waving daisies and dancing buttercups fill us with delight.

We admire the daisy so much that we are scarcely willing to admit that it is a pestiferous weed, but the farmers whose meadows are invaded are apt to consider it as such, and their hearts are not gladdened by its sight. They are more than willing that their "city cousins" shall gather all they can carry of the blossoms. Their gracious permission is gladly accepted and big bunches go back to the city; grouped with buttercups and graceful grasses in large jardinières, they make the prettiest possible adornment of the wide verandas. One of our Experiment Stations is authority for the statement that if the plant is cut down when in blossom it is easily exterminated, so the farmers have the remedy in their own hands, but we hope they will not be entirely ruthless and destroy it all at once.

The daisy being almost perfect in the eyes of its admirers, the thought would scarcely occur to them that it might be improved, but such seems to have been the case.

Mr. Luther Burbank of Santa Rosa, Cal., is probably best known, at least in this country, for the great work which he has done in originating new and valuable varieties of fruit; but he has paid much attention to flowers and his gladiolus and lilies are wonderful floral triumphs. Of late years he has been "improving" the wild flowers, and one of his "new creations" is the "Shasta" Daisy (*Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum* hybridum). To the Pacific Rural Press we are indebted for the illustration



THE SHASTA DAISY.

becoming really *dry*. In spring the bush can be taken to the veranda, or a shed where light is admitted freely, its roots crowded into an old box, and water applied. It would not be safe to put the plant in the ground until all danger from frost is past. On the veranda, or in the shed, a blanket can be thrown about the plant on cold nights. By the time really warm weather comes, it will have begun to show signs of growth and as soon as it is planted in the garden it will be ready to get to work in earnest. Cut away a good deal of the old growth, shorten all branches as well. If the soil in which it is planted is rich, the plant will grow vigorously, and bear a great profusion of beautiful flowers. I have kept this plant on year after year, for summer use in the garden, in the manner described above. Never throw away an old plant because it has outgrown the place you have for it in the house.

THE OX-EYE DAISY.

The Ox-Eye Daisy, *Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum*, is too well known to need description; its golden disk and snowy petals poised on the long and slender stem, possess a beauty and grace which only its abundance has kept us from duly appreciating. The plant originally came to us from Europe, but it has become so plentiful that it is hard to realize it is not a native. Like the dandelion, it is emphatically the children's flower, but it is a favorite with old and young

and is gladly greeted each year when its fair white blossoms begin to bespangle our fields and roadsides. There are few flowers in cultivation whose beauty would produce more effect on the beholder than that of a field of white daisies seen for the first time. They take kindly to cultivation, but it is in masses in the meadows that they show to best advantage; fields of waving daisies and dancing buttercups fill us with delight.

"Probably Mr. Burbank has done no more strikingly popular thing than the origination of the splendid blossoms shown in our illustration. The type of the blossom to which it belongs is of splendid decorative effect, and is now more widely appreciated than ever. The old Ox-eye daisy of the East was always praised in whispers for its beauty; at the same time it was condemned in thunderous tones for its pestiferous weediness. The Marguerite is a shrubby perennial in California, showing thrift and bloom in very trying situations, and is highly esteemed. In view of these facts how wide will be the appreciation of the glorified form of the type which Mr. Burbank has secured after several years, crossing and selection, using the weedy free-flowering American species, the rather large but coarse European species and the Japanese species (*Nipponicum*). "Shasta" is only the first of the new type, some of which were for the first time exhibited in the window of a prominent San Francisco florist. Crowds of people visited the establishment to inquire about the latest floral wonder. The blooms, when cut, remain perfectly fresh and in good condition for two weeks or more. Many new and graceful forms have lately appeared among the "Shasta" daisies, and well-marked colors are now appear-

ing in a flower which was never before seen except in white. Some are almost perpetual bloomers, and lately some perfectly double ones have appeared. Only the 'Shasta' is available to the public this year."

"We have seen the plant at Mr. Burbank's place, and quite agree with him when he says in his 1901 'New Creations' that, while the 'Shasta' daisies were being bred and educated up to their present state, more admiration has been bestowed upon them by visitors than upon any other flowering plant growing on his grounds, and with good reason, for to-day no other flower can compare in extent of usefulness. Their first qualification is hardiness. They can be grown out of doors wherever it is not cold enough to kill oak trees. They are perennial, blooming better and more abundantly each season. They can be multiplied rapidly by simple division and they are not particular as to soil. They bloom for several months—in California nearly all the year. The flowers are extremely large and graceful, averaging about a foot—often more—in circumference, with three or more rows of petals of the purest glistening whiteness, on single, strong, stiff, wiry stems, nearly two feet in length. What they do in the field can be seen in the illustration, which shows how effective they are when bedded on a large scale. This illustration shows the profusion of bloom; and when it is known that under good culture each individual bloom may attain a diameter of over four inches, some idea can be had of the dazzling whiteness and glowing gold of the display they make. F. B.

A LETTER FROM THE PARSON.

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DEAR EDITOR:—July is the month of flowers in the Middle West. True, many of the roses are blooming the latter half of June, but the annuals and the larger number of perennials wait until July. The parson remembers well the day when there was not a greenhouse west of the Mississippi, and now I doubt much whether there is a county seat between the two rivers without one. He was a boy then and the prairies away from the navigable streams were empty of human habitations. Today they present a vast picture full of happy and beautiful homes where large windows are filled with the choicest gems from the florist. The grounds around these farmsteads are resplendent with clumps of shrubbery and the porches are pictures of bloom. The demand for this ornamentation increases in proportion as the means of the owners enlarge. To-day the favorite flowers are geraniums and begonias, with occasionally a cactus. But the parson confidently expects the rarer and more costly species will presently claim a place, and he also looks for many a farmstead greenhouse or conservatory when the stead shall be heated by furnace.

These contrasts are pleasant reflections. He well remembers when the parson, his father, who was one of the early pioneers, was wont to remark: "Son, these prairies will in your days be the great market for the refinements of the East." This prophecy is being fulfilled every day. The taste for literature walks hand in hand with the love for flowers. Books and flowers are born of the same spirit and teach the same lessons. Agriculture is not sordid, nor the lowest of industrial callings. On the contrary it is fast being recognized as one demanding not only financial capability, but one which requires that knowledge which is only taught in the higher institutions of learning. This result is due to the work of the florist. First flowers, then literature and art demanding suitable surroundings, all made possible by the unbounded fertility of the prairies.

The parson, not but four years ago, needed a few dollars for some worthy enterprise and in conjunction with a couple or three of his lady parishioners concluded to have a chrysanthemum exhibit. The parlors of a judge were given to the enterprise. The parson was astonished. He had twenty-three varieties himself, but twice as many were furnished by others. In addition to the mums

were numerous other flowers. Altogether it was a wonderful success. The parson reflected on the changes a few years had made. It was in a county seat seated on a great trunk railway, full of happy and often luxurious homes. When the parson crossed the Father-of-Waters with his parents the little city was not in any dream. It was rolling prairie and its vast expanse stretched in every direction. Elk, deer and wolves roamed without let or hindrance, and the rattle of the rattlesnake was as common as the song of birds. "What hath God Wrought!" And no hand to the parson's mind has, under Him, wrought more than the hand of the florist. —The Parson.

MONTBRETIAS.

These bulbs produce gay and showy flowers. The bladelikey leaves are not unlike the Gladiolus and the flower and the scape similar also to the larger, taller "sword lily." Few flowers are more brilliant in color than the Montbretia. Orange-scarlet, dazzling and rich is the color. Plant the bulbs, which are medium in size, in groups, and the slender flower scapes, loaded with bright flowers, will form a perfect bouquet of grace and beauty. The bloom time is summer. After the



departure of the early spring bloomers and the lilies of May and June, Montbretias make the midsummer garden gay and never cease to bloom until killing frost cuts off the flowers. Montbretias are hardy, free and very showy. The bulbs are low in price, within the means of all flower lovers. They are cordially commended to culture. —Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

WHITE LILIES.

Charles Lamb said he did love a man that some times made a fool of himself. He felt near to such a man. Like gentle Elia I feel near to the person that runs wild and raves over white lilies. Now is the time to rave over them, because it is the time to plant the bulbs. The lilies will be sure to bloom if the bulbs are bedded according to the few simple requirements of the class in general.

The pure white *Lilium candidum* is the first to plant. August and September, and at the farthest October, are the months for bedding out this famous old, old, sweet white lily. It begins growth quite early, and the winters in no wise injure its top growth, despite the waxy, delicate appearance of the crown of green leaves. May in the South, June in the North is the season of bloom with the *L. candidum* or Madonna lily. Were it not that there must be white lilies for Easter, I would advise outdoor planting exclusively. Let the earth freeze and let the snow

blanket be deep, the lily bulbs, down in the warm earth, will not feel the variations of temperature, the cold waves, thaws and freezes. It is an even temperature the bulbs are in, if planted as they should be, not less than eight or twelve inches deep. This preference for depth of soil must be acceded to, if nature's ways are followed. Naturally, lilies lie deep in the soil. *Longiflorum*, St. Joseph's and the Bermuda, *Harrisi* or true Easter lily, are alike in appearance. It is asserted that *Longiflorum* is the same as *Harrisi*, wrought upon by the climate and soil of the sunny Bermuda Isles. Likewise the St. Joseph's lily that enjoys such great local favor in New Orleans and other Southern parts, is white with the same long trumpet form and slightly cream tint of *Harrisi*. This latter is very hardy and a wonderful bloomer in May time. The New Orleans florists claim it to be the primitive Bermuda lily. Then the iron clad *speciosum* has a pure white, in *Monstrosum album*. This is a giant among lilies. The stems are broad and flat, the flowers large and borne in numbers of thirty or forty at a time. No flower garden ought to be without a *Monstrosum album*, and the more the better.

The spider lily or *Pancratium* deserves a conspicuous place among the pure white kinds of its class. Its construction differs from all other flowers. The open, waved-edged cup is finished with the spreading, narrow, lanceolate divisions that suggest the name. Cup lily is also one of its local names, and is quite appropriate. The cups cluster on strong columnar stems, in numbers of from seven to ten, and branching from the stalk; the true flower stems are white, the cups are white and the floating, cut-paper perianth is flake white. The foliage of *Pancratium* is broad, strap-shaped, and in Louisiana and other native Southern states is evergreen. To understand the capabilities of this handsome flower it should be seen along the water ways, far down south. Thousands of them border Lake Ponchartrain, and the white flowers above the showy strap-leaves of broad, shining, green surfaces, make a floral display that never fails to enchant the beholder. In gardens of culture, removed from the water side, *Pancratium* do better than well; but if there is a water tank for aquatic plants, or a fountain that showers water, let this lily-like flower stand near by, as it loves water.

Nearly allied to the *Pancratium* is *Ismene Calathena*. It is botanically an *Amaryllis*. The bulb is hardy, the flowers large, curiously formed and pure white.

There is not a lily here enumerated but is hardy, given judicious culture. Bed them deep in the soil, which should be thoroughly decomposed, free from heating or grass constituents, and mixed with sand. Mulch the beds with whatever material is at hand, preferably partly decayed forest leaves, particularly those of conifers. Then leave them undisturbed for years. The depth at which they are, or ought to be planted, leaves the surface free for summer flowers without disturbing the lily bulbs down below. This is true of them all but *Pancratium* and *Ismene*, by courtesy classed with the lilies. These two bloom profusely in the spring. *Pancratium* all summer, sparingly, and on till late autumn; and *Ismene*, as do all of the *Amaryllis* family, blooms again in the early autumn. These two will occupy the ground allotted to them, excluding other flowers and both of them are worthy claimants for conspicuous places in any flower garden. —Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

THE SWEETBRIER.

I know where the clover blossoms,
I know where the daisies sway,
And the gold of the king-cups gladdens
The world at the close of day;
My feet through a maze of grasses
Have come where the gentian blows,
But fairest of all fair blossoms—
I know where the sweetbrier grows.
I pass while the popple beckons,
I turn from the pansies bright,
Nor stay where the garden roses
Are yellow and red and white;
For down through the distant meadow,
In a spot no other knows,
The fairest of all fair blossoms—
I've found where the sweetbrier grows.
—Lalia Mitchell, in the Farm Journal.

MID-SUMMER WATER LILY NOTES

By George B. Moulder.

The extreme and almost universal drouth this summer is one of the very best arguments for planting water lilies. While other flowers are struggling for existence in the heat and dust, the water lilies are unusually fresh and sweet.

Planting time is now about over for the current year. Water lilies transplanted in August, will afford very few blooms this summer, but will establish themselves nicely before frost, and be ready for an early display next spring. The work of transplanting, however, should not be delayed much later, as spring and summer are much preferred to fall planting of water lilies.

The past spring was an unusually bad one for planting most all stock, water lilies as well as other kinds. The growing season was fully a month later and young stock put out early in cold water, standing for weeks without sufficient warmth or sunshine to induce growth, was very greatly weakened. Such stock may need a little coaxing with liquid manure and partial shade, until healthy growth is established. June planting this year was the most satisfactory while April and May are usually the best.

I sometimes regret that water lily culture is not attended with more labor. Water is naturally attractive during warm weather and a lily pond in full bloom is doubly so, and one would be glad of an excuse to work amongst the lilies most of his time just now. There is little to be doing, however, except to see that the water does not run down too low, these drying days. If one should desire to save seed of a choice variety the present is the best time to attend to it. See that the seed is stored away out of reach of the mice. All dead leaves that mar the appearance might be pulled off and the blooming period will be enhanced by removing the faded flowers and not allowing the plants to ripen seed.

Those having lilies in tubs should change the water frequently until the leaves have about covered the surface, when they will shade it and keep it cool and pure.

A word about water. Well or spring water is not injurious to water lilies except when turned in on them cold, giving them a chill. Let the water be about proper temperature for bathing and they will thrive in any kind except salt water.

Where ponds have been planted several years, it is a good plan to thin out such varieties as have become too thick; while they are in bloom is the best time to do this. One can easily locate the bud by the young leaves and flowers. Reach down into the mud and break off the terminal buds and destroy them. This thinning should be done every three or four years and larger blooms will be the result.

If you have lotus and nymphæas planted together in the same pond, the lotus is likely to claim the whole territory. It can be kept from encroaching on the nymphæas by pulling out the leaves occasionally.

Should water snails become troublesome in the tubs or tanks, add a little lime to the water or better still Bordeaux mixture. This used every two or three weeks will destroy the larvæ of both snails and mosquitos, and prevent the appearance of any

fungous growth in the water.

Often green and black aphid appear on the leaves of nymphæas. They are readily destroyed by spraying with kerosene emulsion or any of the other insecticides recommended for killing them on roses or greenhouse plants.

A few gold or sunfish kept in the water is a safeguard against all these troubles as well as a source of pleasure within themselves.

The greatest enemy to the lotus is the "leaf-roller" so called because it is first detected rolling itself with a web in the margins of the leaves. It finally finds its way to the center of the leaf and bores a hole down through the entire length of the stem, killing the leaf. Hand picking is the most effectual remedy for this, though it may be greatly checked by dusting powdered hellebore on the leaves in the morning before the dew dries off.

Floral Work in August.

Time to plant freesias and madonna lilies.

Bulb catalogues show the bravest flowers of midsummer.

Bulbs from early orders are usually the most satisfactory.

Order sweet peas and seeds of perennials for



A SCENE IN LILY PARK, Smith's Grove, Ky.

fall sowing.

Many of our hardy shrubs, trees and fruits, transplant most easily in fall.

Shrubs that are to be forced for winter bloom should be potted now.

Plenty of pots and potting soil will be needed next month. It's a good idea to get them ready now.

Mignonette sown in August will bloom until November. Light frosts do not injure it.

The anemones of our garden were much discouraged by last winter's alternate freezing and thawing. They did not show their leaves until about July 1st, and are not likely to bloom this year.

We are getting ready our frame for winter violets and pansies. The plants should be placed in them early next month.

Let me say a few words in praise of the double white feverfew or matricaria. How many people know that it really blooms all summer, from May until frosts, in a lavish profusion of bloom, too, that is admirable for cutting.

Achillea, The Pearl, is almost as faithful, and even more dainty and graceful. The common white yarrow, with its fern-like leaves and foamy white flower is another fine plant of this sort.

Just before the steady three weeks of rain in June, last year we sowed thirty-three packets of seeds of choice perennials. When the sun blazed out fiercely afterward we shaded the beds lightly for a while, but it was love's labor lost.

A splendid clump of superbum lilies is the pride of our garden now. The writer's old home, in the midst of this garden, was burned last year, and gardening from a distance is much more difficult and not half so delightful since then.

The dark crimson moss roses were as disappointing as usual this year. Three great bushes sent us in the mailing size three or four years ago, we shall dig up and throw away next spring.

The Penzance hybrid sweetbriars are not half so sweet or worth growing as the dear old eglantine; and the Wichuraiana hybrids, too, are some what of a snare and a delusion.

A neglected plant of the old white cluster rose was cut over by the mower last spring and sent up strong young shoots. These set full of buds and with their great loosely graceful panicles of bloom, fairly put to shame some polyantha roses growing near by.

After such beating rains as we have had lately the most important thing is to stir the surface of the soil, as soon as it is dry enough. Left to bake into a hard crust around the roots of tender young plants it is sure to kill them, especially so in clayey soil.

One of the finest of the old roses is *Perfection des Blancches*. The flower opens coy, rosy and prettily full, with an exquisite cup-shape. Gradually it blanches into a pearly whiteness that has opaline tints and shows beautifully against its very dark leaves. The wood of this rose is almost smooth and the growth quite rapid. Sometimes the bushes are killed to the root in winter, but new shoots always appear in the spring.

Climbing Kaiserin was among the new roses sent us for trial last year. We have found it a very vigorous and rapid-growing rose, that has a clean, elegant growth, beautiful, large, dark leaves, and grand white flowers at the tip of every new shoot.

White Maman Cochet is equally satisfactory.

Princess Bonnie and Marion Dingee are the handsomest of the dark red roses we have tested lately, and the freest blooming. Princess Bonnie has a larger, fuller flower with a longer bud than Marion Dingee.—L. Greenlee.

Before green apples blush,
Before green nuts embrown,
Why, one day in the country
Is worth a month in town.

—Christina G. Rossetti.

A Song of Summer Time.

By the whetting of sickles and whirring of crickets,
By the drumming of bees and humming birds' thrum;
Loudest piping of quail in the hazel-fringed thickets,
Pleasure of pleasures, the summer is come!

O my heart, dost thou heed all the beckoning splendor,
Surely sweeping in surges from valley to hill,
Changing green over green in lights soft and tender,
O'erspreading the meadow and binding the rill?

There are robins and swallows above bending daisies,
Low twittering linnets and fluttering leaves!
There are crimsoning peaches and waving corn mazes,
Gold turning grain over shy squirrel thieves.

Knowest shallows and shadows beneath bending willows,
And sun-cushioned reaches where butterflies swing?
Where is rapture unmeasured and lolling in billows,
O my heart! For the summertime sing, O sing!

—Mary H. Coates.

Daisy Brighton's Mission A Tale of the Sunny South

BY MRS. C. F. EASTON.

"Howdy, Missus Brighton, 'I'll jist tell ye, it's blessed day foh me; if hit be sort er back-achin' an' back-breakin'! Shore 'nough as yo' lib, I jist feel like I was havin' kin' ob a hollo-day, when I comes ober heah, an' am sot ter wo'k; no mattah much what dat wo'k be," said Sylvia Snyder, seating herself upon the edge of Mrs. Brighton's back porch, and lifting her huge apron by both its lower corners, commences to fan herself, while the great drops of sweat trickled down her sable face.

"I 'spects dat wash-wattah's been a bilin' an' hou', 'peahs like; but hit seemed like I'd nevah get de younguns an' de ol' man ready foh de day."

"There is no hurry, Mrs. Snyder. Do sit and rest a few minutes; you look so tired!"

"Tired! Shaw, honey, I neber knowed a colohed person eber looked tired! I didn't 'spect deir tired feelin's show'd fro' deir black skin! I don't like bein' late gittin' heah; I b'lieves in bein' up in de mo'nin'! Yo' knows dat, honey. De eahly bird ketches de wo'm; an' I's ginerally out arter 'im."

"Yes, Mrs. Snyder, you are very punctual usually. The wash is some larger than common to-day, and you need not hurry about it. I expect to pay you accordingly. I have put in quite a number of bed quilts, blankets, etc., and expect to pay you extra for them."

"Law sakes, honey; you be de 'onestest critter I eber did see! 'Shaw! Fo'ks ginerally try to git all dey kin out ob us foh de money! Dey be mitty few on 'em as' asks us to rest, or pay us ober, no mattah how hard de wo'k be."

"Perhaps so, Mrs. Snyder; but I have a better conscience if I follow quite closely the golden rule. It is as I would like to be treated."

"Law, honey, de ol' bright golden rool is gittin' kin' ob green an' rusty, 'pears like; not de rool, ither, guess; but de usin' ob it. Wall, it tells me dat ef I was Missus Brighton, I'd jist thank Sylvia Snyder ef she'd git up an' go 'long to 'er wo'k; so heah I goes!"

Sylvia at once proceeds to the wash house, where she has twice before been weekly established. The Brightons are new-comers in the southern town of Paxton, and of northern origin. Mr. Brighton is an invalid; and it is on his account that they have sought the sunny South, hoping thereby to invigorate his feeble body, and prolong his seemingly limited days.

"How's de gen'lman dis day, missus?" inquired Sylvia, stopping, and begging pardon for her thoughtlessness in not inquiring, upon the start, as to his health.

"He is better I think. I am sure the sweet breath of roses, and the soothing influence of this mild climate will be very beneficial to him. I received a letter from home today, and they are having severe snow storms now in the North, where we came from. It almost makes me shiver to think of it."

"Snow sto'ms!" echoed Mrs. Snyder. "For de deah Lo'd's sake, I's glad yo' com'd heah! Goodness! I don't b'lieve dis ol' woolly head eber felt a sprinkle ob dat stuff what yo' calls snow! Hit 'pears like 's if I'd soon git sick ob it tho'. I like posies, an' wa'm air, an' de likes of dat, ef hit do make me sweat. B'lieve I'd rather sweat nor shiver!"

"Yes, the severe winters of the North are very trying. I think we shall all improve here."

Mrs. Brighton now goes into the house, and Sylvia Snyder passes on to her post, which is in the midst of tubs, steam, soap, and 'soiled linens."

"Wall, now!" looking around, and surveying the large ingathering of what looks to her more like real dirty clothes, than "soiled linens." "Dis

am a pow'ful hefty wash! I wondahs ef I kin mustah up strengf 'nough to mastah hit! Missus Brighton 's a mitty nice lady tho', I b'lieve; an' she's goin' to pay me, too! Oh, will de deah Lo'd please brace up dis ol' back foh hit once moh?"

With this prayer for support does Sylvia delve into suds and steam; and the washboard almost bends, in her desperate effort to get perfectly clean little Daisy Brighton's fine white gown.

Former experiences have taught Mrs. Brighton the economy there is in overseeing in a measure, such work, as it goes on; so by the time Sylvia is well under headway, does the proprietor come modestly into her presence, and very tenderly offers a suggestion or two.

"Mrs. Snyder, I hope you will pardon me for interfering with you or your work; but truly I shall have to ask you to be a bit careful about rubbing my fine clothes too hard. Of course you know they are not very dirty, and do not require so much rubbing as those blankets will. So now I do you the favor to ask you to save your strength for them, and jist rub these fine clothes lightly. You see it wears them out, and injures them to bear on so heavily."

"Wall, wall! Now dat is jes' so, 's true 's dis 'umble sarvant ob yourn libs! I neber did once tho't ob dat' foh! Funny nobody neber tol' me dat ar! or funnier, I guess I bettah say, dat I neber seed hit me own self! Guess that is alwus de reason I petahs out so on de end ebery time! I's silly 'nough to spen' all my strengf on some-thin' dat don't need hit."

As Sylvia thus noted her lady's suggestions, she tenderly lifted the dainty dress, and rubbed it carefully between her hands.

"That is right, Mrs. Snyder. Clothes treated in that way will wear much longer, and 'look much better."

As Mrs. Brighton returned to the house, Sylvia said to herself:

"Seems like I's awful thick-headed dat I neber seed dis myself! I sees hit now all right 'nough. I b'lieve dese No'thern fo'ks 's mitty smart people. No wondah all de run-'way dorkies made deir track foh de Norf. Wish hit'd been my lot to ob got dar. Yit 'pears like I'd not like de pesky snow she tells 'bout."

Sylvia profits by Mrs. Brighton's suggestions and criticisms, and very carefully washes out all the fine clothes before noon, and when the dinner hour is announced, has them all soaking in the clean rinse. Upon each previous occasion she has commenced earlier in the morning and there having been smaller washings, this has enabled her to have them all freely swinging from the line before noon, and has given her time to get home to set a bite before her own family. Such is not the case today. Those blankets and quilts, and even a portion of the "soiled linens" remain to be "put through" when Mrs. Brighton appears at the door of the wash house:

"Come, Mrs. Snyder, our dinner is now ready. Put these things to soak, and come in."

"Hab yo' an' yore fam'ly had dinnah yit?"

"No. It is now ready."

"Law sakes ob life, honey, yo' don't mean to say foh me to come in de house an' eat wid you! I neber sat at de table wid white fo'ks in all dis life ob mine."

"Yes, that is what I intended."

"Law, no, missus! Yo' go 'long an' eat yore dinnah, an' I'll wash 'way; an' ef dar be any lef' when you gits thro', I'll take a bite, an' quite a big un' too, for I's pow'ful hungry."

"We have always been accustomed to have our hired help eat with us. This is the usual way with common people in the North."

"Oh, honey, no! Go 'long! Dis dres' ob mine is all drippin' wid sweat and suds; an' I's not in good 'nough rig. Mebby some day, ef you 'sist 'pon hit, mebby, I say, I'll bring 'long my good homespun, an' eat wid ye. Oh, no! I say, go 'long an' eat yore dinnah wid yore man an' gall! I nebbber could think ob eatin' wid ye dis day."

When Mrs. Brighton reached the dining room she proceeded to roll her husband into his accustomed place, saying:

"We will have our dinner. Mrs. Snyder will not come and eat with us. She prefers to wait."

"Why, mamma?" asked Daisy, a charming little girl of ten snowy Northern winters. "Everything will get cold! Why doesn't she come in and eat it now?"

No, it will not be cold, for I have some in the oven to keep it warm for her. People in the South do not have their hired help eat with them, my dear," said Mrs. Brighton, seating herself. "They are accustomed to wait until the family are through."

"That is strange, isn't it?" said Daisy, rather unapprovingly. At the same time reluctantly taking her knife and fork. "Do they ever do so up North, papa?"

"Yes, Daisy, among the more aristocratic families, but plain, common people like us usually dine with their hands."

The Brightons are not such as might readily be classed as poor; yet of limited means, having left a small fortune in real estate behind, hoping now by economy and careful management to live upon its income. Mr. Brighton's infirmity necessitates stringent management, and this is what we see in this new, cozy, southern home.

Daisy makes many inquiries in regard to customs in their new surroundings, and hastens through her meal; then turning to her mother, asks to be excused.

"Yes, child, you may go if you have done; but it seems as if you had not eaten as much as usual."

Away she flew, and in her loose lawn gown, as truly resembled a bird on airy wing as a girl. Going at once to the wash-house in search of Mrs. Snyder, who is a great curiosity to her on account of her color; and besides, Sylvia's graphic descriptions, curious remarks and peculiar moods have to her a certain charm, said to her:

"Mrs. Snyder, I am through, and will fix a place for you if you will come in now."

"No, chil'; I'll jist wait, ef ye please, till yer pappy an' mammy gits fro' wid theirn. I'm not 'customed to eat wid white fo'ks, an' 'u'd feel out ob my place."

"Where do you eat when you are working for them?" continued Daisy, eager to learn all about affairs as soon possible.

"Oh, when dey all gits fro' I us'ally takes my plate an' cup an' sits down in de wash-house doo', or some setch place as dat."

"Well, you shall not do it here; come in and sit at the table, and I will wait upon you."

"Wait 'pon me! Why, yo' don't spex I's eber waited 'pon, do ye? I was made to wait 'pon fo'ks, and not to be waited 'pon."

"I do not care. I shall do it," saying which, little generous Daisy took Sylvia by the hand, and led her to the dining-room, just as Mrs. Brighton was rolling her husband from the table.



"Howdy, Mistah Brighton! Be yo' bettah dis day? Hope so. Yo' mus' 'xcuse me foh comin' in de house in dis sloppy dress, 'cause I didn't spect ter come in 'tall. Ef I'd a knowed I'd got ter, I'd fetched 'long a clean un. Yore Daisy ob a girl heah was boun' dat I comes in an' eats at de table."

"That is right, Mrs. Snyder," said Mr. Brighton, smiling, and bowing his good will. "At the table is where we have always been accustomed to eat, and all those about us. Be seated at the table, Mrs. Snyder."

Daisy politely set her a chair, and Sylvia modestly established herself at the destined place, while Daisy took a seat immediately at her right. We know by her interested search that it was more out of curiosity than for convenience; yet she is careful to see that her guest is well supplied.

Daisy had never lived in a region where she had opportunity of meeting colored people; and scarcely ever had seen one; hence is Sylvia a great curiosity to her.

As she continues to pass to her various eatables, Sylvia at her turn pours out upon her the honest strains of heart-felt gratitude, such as;

"Yo, be a right peart gall," "Yo's de daisiest sort ob a gall dat I eber seed."

"Lor' bless dis chil' foh 'er deah papy's an' mammy's sake," etc.

When Mrs. Snyder is done with her meal, she leaves the table, and passing thro' the kitchen on her way out, said to the mistress:

"Well missus dat was a charmin' dinnah! I was mi'ty hungry, an' it did taste good. But missus Brighton, 's true 's I lib I's feared I kin neber wo'k 'pon dat fine whit-bread ob yourn. Light's as a feather, an' licious altogether," (Mrs. Snyder placed great stress and much extension upon the last word.) "But law sakes us colo'd fo'ks mus' hab co'n bread. Yo' will pleas 'xcuse me foh sayin' hit; but 's true 's we bof lib, dar aint no whar neah de bone an' muscle in white bread, as dar be in de ol' plain co'n-bread."

"Is that the case? I had not thought of it," said Mrs. Brighton. "I guess I shall have to learn of you how to make it, and have some for you next time."

"Shore's ye lib ye will!" said Sylvia, rolling her large eyes, and smiling a happy, good-natured "finishing touch," which displayed two rows of pure white-teeth though the owner is now upon the verge of seventy years of age.

Daisy followed her into the wash-house, and conversation accompanied by the echoes from the wash-board, begins:

"Mrs. Snyder, how many children have you?" "None, bless ye, darlin' chil'! I hab nery a chil' to my bosom!"

"No children! Why, you spoke of your children this morning when you first came?"

"My children? No chil', dem aint my child'en! Law sakes no! Yo' don't s'pose all dem little brats b'long to dis ol' black body, do ye? W'y, no, chil'! I's to ol' to hab so many as fou' critters likes dem! Dey aint mine! I neber had but just one chil', a deah gall. An' she died an' lef' me wid all 'er babies. Her man couldn't raise dem. Law sakes! an' dey all fell on ter me! We loves dem powerfully, me an' de ol' man; but oh, deah, pears likes 's a drefful charge foh us sometimes."

"How old are they?" inquired Daisy still deeply interested.

"Oh, foh de deah Lo'd's sake! Dey's nuffin' but a set of babies! De y'ungest am two yeahs ol, an' de oldest' bout nine or ten. Guess I don't know zackly how ol' dey be. Ol' 'nough to be fuller of de ol' scratch himself, nor I wish dey be sometimes."

"Do they go to school?"

"Yis; dat is when we kin git duds 'nough foh dem to weah, an' kin git 'em started. Dey's mi'ty offish 'bout it tho' sometimes."

"Have they a good teacher?"

"Oh, yo' Daisy ye? What did ye ask me that foh? I dont know a good teachah from a bad un. Dey don't 'pears to know much moah nor dey did years 'go."

"I wish I could teach!" said Daisy, with misty

eyes, "and I would be their teacher. I believe I could like them, and they would learn from me."

"Laws sakes, chil'! Ye be deambitionest critter I eber did see. Wall mebbey ye kin tu'n teachah some time." (Mrs. Snyder evidently had great hope, and bases it often upon the happy "sometime.")

"But ef ye should, I don't reckon you'd be after teachin' darkies much would ye?" As Sylvia said this, she put her sudsy hand under the chin of Daisy, and lifting up her head a hit looked into her face and said:

"Little white angels ye! Sent down heah 'mongst us black darkies, to tell us foh suah dars a heaben whare we kin all go to, after we gits done servin' heah in dis wo'ld. You 's suah ob dat, aint ye pussy!"

"Why, Mrs. Snyder! What made you say that? I have not said a word about heaven! You never heard me mention it."

"Yis ma'am I has; say 'bout hit in ebery twinkle of dem bright eyes ob yourn! Needn't tell me no-fin'! I kin read eyes! Sometimes, I more'n half b'lieve heaben 's mos' 'ntirely made up out'n children; 'cause 't says—'cept ye git to be as little uns, ye kin not neber, go inter de kingdom. Do yo' fink I's one spick like children, Daisy Brighton?"

"Yes, Mrs. Snyder, your eyes twinkle just as brightly as mine. I know they do. You ought to see them snap sometimes, when you are really pleased. I think all the colored people have pretty eyes; do they not?"

"Oh, Law sakes! I don't know. Dey's mos' of dem big rollin' thin's. To tell ye de truf, Daisy Brighton, we darkies wouldn't git much out 'n dis yer life ef we didn't know we's only jist on approbation, (Mrs. Snyder means probation) an' dat we's goin' to hab easier times ob it in de nex' wo'ld."

"I hope you may, Mrs. Snyder. You say you know it; how do you know this is to be the case?"

"W'y, my deah chil'! Didn't you neber read 'bout in de grand ol' Book dis yer sayin': 'De black an' white are dar.' Don't dat tell hit am a fact? Yis, oh yis! We's goin', an' so be yo'."

"I never read those words in my Bible; but I think I have heard papa read somewhere something about the rich and the poor being there. It may be this is what you mean."

"No, oh no! It is black an' white, I'm suah! Oh, ye blessed chil'! Ye can read, can't ye? I wish me an' de ol' man could read. 'Tis so drefful onhandy not to read de bless'd Wo'd. We could git 'long bettah widout all de other readin'; but when we try to learn de golden paf-way ob life, out 'n de great Wo'd, it's mighty onhandy."

"If you will try to learn, and mamma will let me, I will teach you."

"Teach us! Law sakes, chil', our ol' woolly pate's too thick to eber learn to read in dis wo'ld. No, we couldn't learn; but mebbey sometimes yo' could teach the young uns somethin'."

"Would you be willing to let me try, if papa and mamma will consent?" asked Daisy in pleading tones, every pulsation of her body beating in animation; and a still, small voice whispers to her occasional presentiments of her future vocation, which will gradually develop itself.

"W'y yes, chil', ef ye can beat a speck of learnin' inter deir crazy brains, yo' 's welcome to de job, shore."

Daisy looses no time in making known her earnest desires to her parents, and having obtained their mutual consent, is not long in making bold attempts to diffuse a spirit of knowledge among the little cloudy minds, and endeavors to teach them to shoot better their young ideas. In a very short time her daily visits at the Snyder cabin are events looked forward to, and hailed by the inmates with joy. Many are the good moral lessons she teaches, and they drop into these minds like the "good seed." The interesting tales she tells, and the stories she reads to her circle serve as the showers of heaven to refresh and sprout the grain as it is sown.

In the sunny south, Daisy Briggton comes under the immediate instructions of her invalid father, who is not willing to intrust her to the comparatively inferior school in their vicinity;

thus does he, as he notes her preference and energies in this special line, study to lead her in the most suitable and conducive channel.

Five years hence we may see in her a bright miss, possessed of an unusual gift of knowledge, and longing for the time when she will be pronounced by proper authorities to be of suitable age to take up a regular work among the colored



people about her, whom she has learned to love as her own soul. Her parents' limited means necessitate that this take place at the earliest convenience, even if her whole being did not enthruse it; so we leave our little Daisy, "only waiting" the dawning of the birthday anniversary, which will initiate her into actual labor among a needy race.

The Weaver.

I weave life upwards through the grass,
I weave death downwards through the mold.
Before the ordered stars I was;
Before my eyes the flowers pass;
The seed, the cup of living gold,
The bulb, the blossom white and cold,
All life within my hands I hold,
All death and change my fingers fold,
My looms are full, my shuttles fly,
The weaver and the weft am I.

I keep all secrets; I disclose
Wonders of sweetness to the rose.
I fill the dandelion's stem
With milk; I give the maidenhair
A gift not sweet, and ill to bear—
The gift of weakness. Here I bid
The lily in the dark be hid
From all her kin; and yonder I
Quicken harsh rue and rosemary;
Blossom and bud and seed are mine—
All bear my sigil and my sign,
They are of me, and I of them.

I weave downwards through the mold
And weave life upwards through the grass;
And which is best I know not—I—
Which gift were best to sell or buy
If life or death were bought or sold,
Sad hours are lavished, glad hours doled;
Buyers and sellers come and pass;
Some, warm with love, and some acold;
Some with sealed eyes, and some behold
Through their own tears as in a glass,
Me and my weaving. Black and gold,
Ash-gray, rose-red—all colors flow
One with another, to and fro,
As endlessly my shuttles go.
I was before the stars began,
Or God had ever thought of man,
And with the stars I grow not old.
I weave life upwards through the grass,
And weave death upwards through the mold.
—Norah Hopper in the *Norah American Review*.

Our Little People

Mr. Bob-o-Link.

On the swinging branches
Of the apple tree
Bobolink is sitting,
Peering down at me.
Now he flies and flutters
Through the laughing leaves,
Breaking nature's network
Which the sunshine weaves.
Birdie, sing your carol!
None shall harm you here.
Ah! his throat's a tremble;
Catch his warble clear.
"Bob-o-link! bob-o-link!
How I love to sing!
Bob-o-link! bob-o-link!
Don't the echoes ring!"

Merry little songster,
How my pulses thrill,
Listening to your chorus
Floating o'er the hill!
Let me learn your measure;
Teach me all your art;
I've a song to warble
From a thankful heart,
Sing again, more slowly;
Let me catch each note.
There, he'll give an answer;
See his swelling throat.
"Bob-o-link! bob-o-link!
This is all I know,
Bob-o-link! bob-o-link!
Thus my measures go."

Little Red Bird.

Frank was visiting his uncle in the country, and every thing was new to the city lad. The green meadows, the orchards and the birds that made sweet music in the wood-land where he spent hours learning the secrets of nature. Above all things he delighted to watch the squirrels skipping from limb to limb of the spreading oak, beneath the shade of which he often rested with his Uncle John. "What beautiful dark stripes the little fellows have," he remarked one day. "Yes," answered his uncle, "there is an Indian legend about the squirrel that is very amusing.

Ogress they call these little foresters, and they never kill one as it is considered very bad luck to do so.

Once upon a time, many many moons ago, the Indians tell, there was a terrible old woman living in the forest, she must of resembled the wolf in the story of Red Riding-hood I think as she was tall and wolfish in appearance and she ate little children when she found them.

One day, a little pappoose had been playing alone and wandered away from the wigwam, while his mother was absent gathering berries.

As he stood under a pine tree watching the sunbeams that chased each other across the path before him, the terrible old woman who was prowling about for her dinner discovered him. "What a dainty meal he will make," she cried, and dashing back into the woods she brought forth some very bright flowers and held them temptingly toward Red Bird, as the little boy had been named by his parents, because a red-bird had fluttered near the door of their home the very morning he was born.

Seeing the flowers, the baby longed for them and toddled up to the woman who grasped him in her great hands that had claws instead of fingers, the better to tear her prey.

Just then the mother of Red Bird appeared on the scene, and great was her horror when she saw her darling in the grasp of the monster. Well she knew, her baby was lost unless something could be done very quickly, and no human power could save him.

So kneeling down but a short distance from where the wolf woman stood gnashing her teeth and eager to devour the sweet morsel she was holding, the mother prayed to the Great Spirit to deliver her precious baby in any wonderful manner possible to Himself.

The Great Spirit was quick to answer this cry of the poor Indian and instantly Red Bird was turned into a tiny red squirrel, but as he sprang from the grasp of the woman, four of her claws left long black marks on his back, and all of his descendants have these marks that the Indians may know their relatives and not harm them."

Frank laughed and said he should always think well of the Ogress, for the sake of little Red Bird.

—Ruth Raymond.

Squirrels in Central Park.

It was early morning when we entered the park, and every springing grass blade seemed to say Spring is here! Spring is here! Overhead the robins sang their matins a little fearfully, for there had been recent snow storms not far away. But the squirrels! O the merry, happy, blithe-some little bunches of fur, how they chattered and danced and played!

Two especially frolicsome lads continued their gambols so near us that we could, at times, have reached out and touched them. How bright their eyes, and what jaunty tails they wore, yet after all, I think they were neither conceited nor vain.

At first they danced lightly back and forth on a fence rail then they seemed to pause for a moment considering various forms of recreation, after which a game of tag was carried on with much enjoyment and evident fairness. Have you ever watched two lively boys at this game? Just



so it was played by the little squirrels of Central Park. Next they devoted their attention to leap frog, and each took his turn in jumping over the arched back of the other. At last, tiring of this, they clasped each other closely and together rolled down a smooth incline formed by a miniature hill. This they repeated several times, reminding us of children when the snow is smooth and hard enough for coasting. Whether a slight misunderstanding arose at this point, or one of them became weary, I cannot say; but he scampered off into the underbush without one word of farewell.

His companion, evidently the tamer of the two, at once turned to us for solace and after many a shy retreat and audacious manoeuvre was lured into filching nuts from the grass at our feet, from our laps and at last from our very pockets. When quite satiated with dainties he too scampered away, but as I watched him I wondered if he had learned his fascinating pleasures from the children of New York, or if instead our games were first invented by the progenitors of these little squirrels of Central Park.—Lalla Mitchell.

Pansies.

Sing a song of pansies
Purple, white and gold,
Happy little faces
The petals soft unfold.
Sing a song of pansies
In a garden fair,
Just the other morning
We did not see you there

Sing a song of pansies
Standing in a row,
Pretty little blossoms
How is it you grow?
Sing a song of pansies,
Bright and sweet to see,
Everybody loves you,
We will all agree.

—Judith Windsor.

A Woods Family.

Perhaps you think that little baby and child bears, living with their mothers and fathers in the woods, do not have to obey—are left free to do as they choose. In Harper's Magazine Mr. Charles Dudley Warner told a story, which is a true one, of a bear and her children who lived in the Yellowstone Park. There is at one place in the Park a house or hut where travelers can get food. Last year a she bear came to the house and clearly indicated that she wished broken food; that her spirit was most friendly; that she would violate no privileges extended to her. The man who kept this lunch station understood the bear perfectly, and, after feeding her, allowed her to carry off the food she did not eat. He knew she had a family, but he respected her prejudices for privacy, and did not attempt to find out where she lived or how large a family he was at least partially supporting. One day the mother bear went out of the house as usual with food for her family, and when she had got a little way from the house she found her children waiting for her. She was very angry. She put the food down, rushed at her two children, punished them severely, and drove them back into the woods. At a certain place, evidently the place she told them to wait for her, she left them, and went back into the house, where she stayed two hours. The disobedient children must have grown very hungry. Doubtless, mothers bringing up children in the woods have a great deal of anxiety. They have to hide their babies from hunters, and from other animals who would hurt, if they did not kill them; and then it must be a most difficult thing to find babies who get lost in the woods; there are no policemen there, no people to guide them back home when they get lost. Poor mothers of the woods, how much they have to do, and how good the wood babies should be!

Many boys and girls, and in fact older people as well are sending us drawings of the Bird as per our offer on page 12. It is a very liberal proposition as you have to compete with only 250 drawings. You therefore stand a better chance of securing one of the premiums than you would were there thousands competing in each contest. Give it a trial, you may be successful. The drawings will be submitted to a competent artist and prizes awarded according to his judgment.

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At Evenfall.

Soft creep the shadows along the hill;
The loud wheel stops and the world is still.
And glad as a child at its mother's call
Is the home-bound heart at evenfall.

At evenfall is rest!

The day brings labor and strife and pain;
Heavy the burden and sore the strain.
But the home-bound heart forgets it all
In the peace that comes at evenfall.

At evenfall is rest!

Fresh as a flower that lifts its head,
By the dews of twilight comforted;
Light as a bird let loose from thrall,
Is the home-bound heart at evenfall.

At evenfall is rest!

—Blanche Treanor Heath, in Good Housekeeping.

My Cousin's Widow

By Carolyn Stoddard.

PART VI.

I only hope that no one slept in the room under mine that night, for, if so, he or she must have had a sorry time. I kept pacing up and down, up and down, until the short night had succeeded to gray dawn, and gray dawn to bright day.

Still, there were hours to wait—hours of anguish; and how to kill them was a matter of solemn consideration. But they passed somehow, and at three o'clock I was once more in Mrs. Yarborough's drawing-room, waiting for the verdict of the judge as anxiously and tremulously as if I had been some criminal who was expecting condemnation.

Her face, as she came in, frightened me, and dispelled all my illusions, even before she spoke. "I am sorry to be the bearer of ill news," she said, looking into my pale face with compassionate eyes, "but my daughter does not feel disposed to alter her decision. She bids me tell you that if circumstances were different she would accept your offer with pride and pleasure, but as it is she cannot."

"What reason does she give for this cruel decree?" I asked, with all the calmness I could master.

"She looks upon herself as the guardian of her husband's honor; and as a marriage with you would rake up the old, miserable story, she does not consider herself justified in preferring her own happiness to the sanctity of his memory."

"And you think she is right?"

"I did not say that. If I must tell you what I really do think, it is that Edith has a notion she is always doing right when she is doing anything painful to herself. It is a very common fallacy with people who are so sensitively conscientious as she is. When she has the alternative of two courses of action, she invariably chooses the one that entails suffering, fancying it must needs be the right, and forgetting that the Creator wishes us to be happy as long as we do not let our happiness stand between ourselves and Heaven. I am grieved that she should encourage this spirit of self-sacrifice; but what can I do? She thinks that I advocate the present course out of affection for her, instead of from conviction, and therefore arms herself to resist my persuasions. I should be thankful enough to see her in a good man's keeping; but she must decide for herself."

"Do let me see her, if only for a minute," I pleaded.

"She is not here, Captain Lorn."

"She was here last night."

"True; but she left this morning. She means to get a situation in a school, if she can, and leave the boy with me for the present. You see that the fate she chooses for herself is very different from the one you would have chosen for her; so that you cannot be jealous of her future, however much you may regret it," she added, gently and kindly. "I wish she had not such a talent for torturing herself, for she wants rest, and ease, and tender guidance more than I care to describe. She is much too unselfish to be trusted with the care of herself. However, there is nothing to be done, I am afraid, and therefore I try to think that everything is for the best."

"I cannot help hoping that your daughter will relent, after all," I said, with a conscious effort at faith in my own assertion; "and I love her so much that I can even afford to be patient. Will you tell her from me that I shall try to be brave until she has learned to be merciful, and then I

shall be happy enough to forget everything but her goodness?"

I took up my hat to leave; but it suddenly struck me that I should like to see the boy. I noticed that this demand, coupled with Reggie's delighted welcome, greatly impressed the partial grandmother, although I had not, of course, calculated upon any such effect when I made the request. She shook my hand almost affectionately at parting, and promised to give my message verbatim; and I knew by instinct that I had her for an ally, and hoped something from her powerful partizanship.

I determined not to leave the town for the present. It occurred to me that Edith might find her search unsuccessful, and return. Mrs. Yarborough need not know that I was still there; and if she did make the discovery, she might be discreet enough not to acquaint her daughter with the fact. She ought not to betray me after having pressed my hand; for she might be sure that I should accept it as a certain guarantee that she was on my side, and would not hinder, even if she could not help the progress of my unfortunate love affair.

But Daisydale was not a very lively place for a man who had anything on his mind. On market-day there was a grand influx of visitors; but as they generally took advantage of the opportunity to get royally drunk, they were not much use either from a moral, social, or æsthetic point of view. I used to watch them from my window with a vaguely speculative eye; but even as I

Sometimes I thought I must be going mad. One day, when a fit of this kind had just passed over me, shaking and straining every nerve of my being, I sent for a lawyer, and made my will. I left the Lornley estate to Reggie, appointing his mother sole guardian and trustee, with unlimited power over the income and assets, so long as she remained unmarried. In this case Reggie would forfeit everything, and the property would revert to a distant kinsman, whom I had never seen, and just knew by name. It was an arbitrary condition, no doubt; but I fancy it was natural enough, allowing for the proverbial selfishness of mankind. If she would not have me, I wished to make it impossible for her to have anyone else, unless she sacrificed her child which I knew she would not be likely to do.

Having made all these last arrangements, I waited calmly for whatever might be coming—either life or death. I used to amuse myself in a lugubrious way with picturing Edith at my dying bed. Her tears and remorse, her tardy repentance, were delightful to anticipate. I was to die in her arms, with her lips on my lips, my last breath exhaling in a kiss. Of course she was never to recover my loss, although I allowed her to live on, for the boy's sake, unless I happened to be in an unusually morbid mood, when I made her to die of grief a few minutes after my own demise. I arranged the double funeral, wrote out a notice for the *Times*, calculated the whole cost in a careful spirit of economy, and felt quite cheerful when I found myself considerably the worse for dwelling on all these morbid and ghastly details.

The landlady of the inn was a kind, motherly soul, and she did her best to rouse me.

"Wouldn't I try cod liver oil now, like a good gentleman?"

I indignantly declined.

"A cup of cream, then, night and morning?"

"No."

"Would I see a doctor?"

"No," again.

"Very well; she would send for one, whether I liked it or no. She wasn't going to have no suicides in her house, ruining the trade, and setting the whole town against her. When folks wasn't sensible enough to act for themselves, somebody must find sense for them. I was just a killing myself, scornful wholesome food, and nursing up my fancies, and she wouldn't stand it an hour longer."

With this threat she departed; and that evening I had a visit from the Doctor. He came upon me so unexpectedly that I had no chance of refusing him, and he had felt my pulse, and even looked at my tongue, before it had occurred to me to make any resistance.

I presume he had been warned of my intractability; for he treated me like a fractious child, and went so far as to promise that my physic should be very nice and sweet, if I would only be reasonable. I met this proposition with withering disdain.

"I suppose you mean to insinuate that my illness is all fancy?" I asked.

"On the contrary, I consider you in a very unsatisfactory state of health. But, then, if a man will not take even ordinary care of himself, and eats absolutely nothing, he cannot expect to be well."

"I don't expect to be well," I muttered; "and as to eating, one must find an appetite first."

"Not necessarily," answered the Doctor, with a bland smile; and then suddenly changing his tone, he spoke in grave warning: "Look here, Captain Lorn. You are not a boy now, but a man, and therefore, one may venture to tell you a plain truth. Health is far too precious to be trifled with, and you are trifling with yours, dangerously and foolishly. You have not a strong constitution naturally, I find, and cannot afford to take liberties with yourself. If you go on as you have be-



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looked upon them, my thoughts would wander back into the old channels, and I would become absorbed in the picture of a fair young mother, sitting on the sea-shore with a sleeping child nestled amongst her skirts.

I was not indifferent to the young widow's beauty, though I valued her less for that than for those qualities of mind and heart, which were rarer still. Her grave unconsciousness had attracted me in the first instance, and then her soft, womanly ways. I had to know her well before I recognized that she was a lovely girl; for she was so pale and sad-looking in those days, and the brightness of health was missing from her fair young cheek.

But my love had lightened her life, unconsciously to herself, in the beginning, and the real happiness it had given her had seemed to her a potent reason for rejecting it. I wondered and wondered if she would ever relent, until my mind became strangely confused, and all kinds of morbid ideas and feelings took possession of me. I had ousted the demons for a while; but they returned in sevenfold strength in this hour of weakness and doubt. I was so utterly wretched and hopeless that I had not the heart to adopt the means of cure which I had found so successful in the first instance. A change of scene might have relieved me; but I clung to the spot where Edith might some day come, knowing that she had ties here which might tempt her wandering steps.

gun, the end will be that two months hence, perhaps less, you will be a dead man. You will send for me, of course, when it is too late; but now there is yet time, if you will only listen to a well-meant warning."

"Tell me what I am to do," I replied, a little startled by this solemn admonition, "and I will follow your advice to the best of my ability. I may be indifferent to life; but you are quite mistaken, if you suppose that I want to kill myself."

"There," said the Doctor, cheerfully, "now you take that tone, we shall soon have you well. I have promised a lady in this town that I will take particular care of you."

"Whom may this lady be?" I asked, averting my head, to hide the sudden color that mounted into my face.

"You have read 'Pickwick,' of course?"

It is a proof of the barren brains people have in this country, I thought, when they are obliged to find all their wit by reference to another man's wit, having none of their own. This was the second time I had been referred to 'Pickwick,' for a warning, whereas a foreigner would have found something to say of his own on the subject, and sent his arrow at me, sharp and straight, brightening as it went, and lodging itself with a sparkle. We are dull folks on this side of the channel, I fear. The fog gets into our heads, and not being able to sharpen our wits, sharpens our tempers instead.

I answered testily that I had read 'Pickwick,' but that if he would have the extreme goodness to spare me a quotation, I would take tonics instead. He saw that my humor was not propitious, and did not persevere; but took his leave presently, thinking me a boor, no doubt; but hopeful as to my case, on the whole.

It struck me afterwards, with a gleam of amusement, that my illness must have aged and altered me wonderfully, since the Doctor had thought it necessary to warn me against Mrs. Yarborough's fascinations without hinting at the marked disparity of age; for who could he mean but Mrs. Yarborough? There was no one else in the town who knew me, or would be likely to take an interest in my fate. Even from her the attention was unexpected; and if it was to expose me to the Doctor's borrowed witticisms, I could only hope that it might not be repeated.

I didn't like the man, somehow, but I took his tonics conscientiously, nevertheless—so many doses a day, with the regularity of a machine; but he could not give me the physic I wanted, and that was hope. It is no use doctoring the body for a disease of the mind. With all my efforts, the apathy that seemed my principal disease increased daily. Each night, as I lay down to rest, I had a greater horror of the long, weary, sleepless hours, and the teeming darkness. Strange, contorted faces glared at me through the windows; mysterious voices whispered to me of the coming horrors of death, until the chill crept to my limbs, and even invaded my heart.

I would spring up then with an icy perspiration streaming down my face, and my clammy hands joined in supplication to Heaven. Must I needs perish in my prime for lack of a little hope? I called philosophy to my aid, and sang, in a lugubrious chant—

"If she be but fair for me,
What care I how fair she be?"

But it did make a difference—just the difference between life and death, I found, so that my philosophy fell to the ground suddenly, having profited me little enough. Physical pain I could bear bravely; but it was the return of those *ægræ somnia* which had afflicted me before, and which I had fancied buried in the sea, that took away all my courage.

I have heard men who have been mad speak with horror of the first sensations when they were still just sufficiently sane to know that their minds were giving way, and the excitement and unrest, the fear of what was coming, was a torture no words can adequately describe.

This was my state just now. I was acutely

conscious of every phase of my malady, watching for each change with a morbid kind of interest, which, of course, increased the evil. Then a blankness—a darkness, as of death—came over me, and I remember no more.

"Do draw that blind down; the sun makes my eyes ache."

I spoke in a faint, querulous tone, for I had come back from the edge of the grave, weaker than any child, after tottering on the very verge for seven long days.

My mind was confused; but I felt that I dared not attempt any kind of calculation: had just sufficient strength to live, and that was all.

A gentle hand drew down the blind at my desire, and brought a sudden, soft twilight to my heavy eyes. I did not look at my nurse. Of course, she was old and ugly—a woman of the Sairey Gamp type, who kept a little bottle of spirits on the mantel piece in order to be able to take a sip when she was "so disposed." However she had a gentle step, I discovered; and presently, when she arranged my pillows afresh, and bathed my forehead with some delicious perfume, her hand was so cool and soft, that it soothed me to sleep as if by magic.

I don't know how long this lasted, but I was roused by hearing a whispered dialogue at my bedside, and, recognizing the Doctor's voice, I kept my eyes hermetically sealed.

"I think he will do now," I heard him say; "but it has been a hard tussle. I thought it impossible at one time that he could recover."

The other voice was so low, that I could not catch the answer; but I judged that it was a mere murmur of thankfulness by the Doctor's reply.

"Yes, indeed, it is a great mercy; only there is need still of care and watchfulness, although it is superfluous to tell you this. I was afraid this attack might be coming on when his landlady sent for me a fortnight ago; but I hoped, by frightening him into taking care of himself, it might be warded off. However, it was too late. He gave me the idea of having had some violent shock to the nervous system, and his manner was irritable and uncertain. But doctors don't mind being snubbed a little if they can only succeed in curing their patients; and I fancy between us we have managed to save his life. I don't think I should have been so anxious to quote 'Pickwick' to him if I had known then how much he would owe a little later to one of that dangerous class whom Mr. Weller so much condemned."

Oh, then it was Mrs. Yarborough who was nursing me! It was very good of her to try and heal the wounds her daughter had made, and, of course, I was very grateful; but the little mystery was over now, and I had no great anxiety to open my eyes.

I suppose I glided back into sleep, for there was real twilight when I became conscious of anything again, and one soft star twinkled out of the gray gloom, and looked me calmly in the face.

"Mrs. Yarborough," I said, faintly.

But instead of Mrs. Yarborough, it was a horrid old woman, with false curls, who poked her head suddenly round the bed curtains.

"Was you calling me, sir?"

"Oh dear no! I answered, subsiding into the sheets with a sharp pang of disappointment. "I thought Mrs. Yarborough was nursing me."

"The lady's gone home for a little while, sir; but she'll be back when the young gentlemen have finished their teas. Is there anything you are pleased to want?"

I suppressed her with an energetic "No!" and she disappeared again. I was to have some beef-tea about this time, I knew; but I had a presentiment that the horrid old woman would taste it, and then expect me to eat with the same spoon, so I took care to give no hint. I was beginning to feel rather exhausted, when I heard a footstep at the door, which softly unclosed, and Mrs. Yarborough, as I imagined, came in. There was a whispered colloquy behind the curtain, of which I caught the following words:—

"Is he asleep?"

"I believe so, he hasn't spoke for this hour.

"Did you give him his beef-tea at the proper time?"

"Now, there! I knowed there was something. But ever since my poor 'usband died—as you know the affliction, ma'am—my memory has been so very bad. I asked the gentleman if there was anything he was pleased to want, and he said no; but maybe his head was a wandering, for he answered quite fierce-like, and never said another word afterwards."

"Oh, dear!" said the other reproachfully. "You oughtn't to have waited so long; it is all-important just now that we should keep up his strength. Bring me the cup."

She came to my bedside; she leant above me, with her balmy breath fanning my cheek.

"Captain Lorn," she said, aloud, and her voice went thrilling through me with a keenness of pleasure that was almost pain, "are you awake?"

"Edith, what does this mean?"

To my joy, surprise, and delight, she stooped and kissed me.

"Only get well, George," she said, with a sigh through the softness of her voice, "and I will tell you what it means. But you must get well first of all."

"Edith, you would not deceive me?"

"Never," she murmured; and her tone was tender enough now. "I have nursed you back from the edge of the grave with one steady purpose all through, and that was to marry you if you still want me when you are well and strong again."

"That will be very soon," I said. "I mean to get up tomorrow for a certainty. I never felt better in all my life."

She smiled at me gently and kindly.

"You mustn't be in too great a hurry, or it will throw you back; and now, please, you are to take your beef-tea, and not talk any more."

"You must not expect impossibilities of me. I am only a man."

"And a very absurd one, I am afraid," she answered, blushing divinely; for with all my weakness I had managed to reach her lips.

"You see, George, if you are not reasonable I must go quite away."

This threat subdued me at once, and I became meek as a lamb.

"Edith," I said, when the old woman who relieved Mrs. Yarborough in playing propriety had gone downstairs to gratify an artfully-expressed wish of mine, and we were quite alone, "when is it to be?"

"When is what to be?" she asked, opening her eyes very wide, but blushing consciously, nevertheless.

"Our wedding, of course, I shall be quite well this day month."

"That is probable, considering that you are only just pronounced out of danger. Besides, I want you to take me to all kinds of places after we are married."

"Indeed! Then you have settled about our honeymoon," I laughed.

"Don't be unmerciful, George. You can afford to laugh at me perhaps, for I have sacrificed my principles and my poor husband's good name for love of you; but it is your turn to be generous now, for before I can dare to be happy I shall have a great deal to forget."

"You can trust me, Edith, can't you?"

"I think so—I hope so."

She put her soft cheek down to mine, and so, after a while, I fell asleep, carrying this caress with me into the heart of my slumber, and waking at dawn with the sweetness lingering about me with a strength that seemed at the moment to be new health.

However, I was not well in a month; but at the end of the second we were married. The world wondered a little at the story that we were obliged to tell; but Edith knew nothing of its comments, for they did not reach us where we were, and the sting had worn out before we returned to Lornley Court, ready for our merry Christmastide, with Mrs. Yarborough, high-spirited Katie, and the boys.

(THE END)

Eugenie's Love Story

In a pretty little apartment in the Avenue des Ternes, Paris, there lives an agreeable old lady, with snow white hair and snappy black eyes, who is brimful of stories about the family that wielded the last imperial destinies of France. She is Mme. Menagere, for many years dame de compagnie to Princesse Mathilde, the sister of Napoleon III. Even since she has passed those duties on to younger hands, for the old princesse still keeps up considerable state in her daily life, the ties of friendship remain strong between the two old ladies, and when the Parisian hotel of the Princesse is occupied by that personage, her landau, with its two pompous men on the box, arrives once or twice a week at the house in the Avenue des Ternes to fetch the old companion for a cup of tea and a fireside chat. It is then, over the steam of that harmless nepenthe, that old times and old scenes are revived,—scenes of those mirthful days when the beautiful Eugenie was the idolized empress of the fickle French.

It is to this friendly gossip that the following story of the proposal of Napoleon for the hand of Mlle. de Montijo is due, and coming from such a source, it may be relied upon as possessing the ring of truth.

Everybody knows the story of how the young emperor saw and fell captive to the charms of the fair Castilian while she was riding in the Bois, but few know that this was not his first glimpse of her. That event happened years before, according to M. de Saint Armand, who was minister of foreign affairs during the second empire and who spent much time at Compiègne as the guest of the emperor. After the Strasburg fiasco of 1836, the young Louis Napoleon was arrested and shut up in the barracks until the tottering throne of Louis Philippe had gained its equilibrium and his ministers decided to send the pretender on the four months' voyage to America that all the histories now tell about. He was hustled across France in the night, and in Paris, where a halt was made, he was taken to the prefecture of police and given his breakfast in the great hall. The prefect of police at the time was M. Gabriel Delessart, whose mother-in-law, the Countess de Laborde, was a warm friend of Mme. de Montijo, a friendship that was responsible for the sharing of certain educational advantages between Eugenie and her sister, and the two children of M. Delessart. It happened that the very hall assigned for the temporary habitation of the prisoner prince was the one devoted at less important times to the children and their studies, to which they arrived just as the unfortunate youth was being led from the door.

It was at Compiègne, however, that the real courtship began in the autumn of the 1852. Louis had been emperor for almost a whole year. He had ousted the Bourbons from their unhappy supremacy, and was making merry in the very chateau that they loved above all others in Royal France. Mlle. de Montijo was among the merry-makers. One morning, as a gay hunting party rode out into the forest in which kings of the blood-royal were wont to chase the stag in former days, the dew lying thick upon the grass attracted Eugenie. "Could any gem be more splendid?" she said, stopping to pick a clover leaf upon which sparkled a drop of dew as pure as crystal.

That very day a special envoy left the castle for Paris and did not return until he had found a frosted golden trefoil, in the center of which glittered a superb diamond. "It is not brighter than the dewdrop," said the gallant emperor, offering it to Mlle. Montijo, "but it is more lasting."

It was on December 31 of the same year that the real declaration of the emperor's sentiments was made, and at the very hotel of the Princess Mathilde, in which she still holds, at rare intervals,

her charming receptions. She had a large company gathered around the great chimney in her salon to welcome the new year, which promised to be so momentous for the Bonaparte family. Madame de Montijo and her two daughters were among the guests. At half past 11 the emperor entered the room and found a seat beside Eugenie. She was radiantly beautiful then, and on this occasion she wore white velvet, with the jeweled clover leaf—the imperial gift—nestling upon her bosom. When midnight struck, according to a custom which still prevails at the Princesse Mathilde's New Year's eve parties, each gentleman imprinted a kiss upon the forehead of the lady at his right. But at this point the superb tact of the Countess de Montijo asserted itself, and just as Napoleon was about to press his lips to the fair brow of her daughter, the latter uttered a sharp cry, and then whispered, "Oh, mother, you hurt me." Then, collecting herself, she gently pushed the emperor away and presented to him her slender white hand. "Sire," she said, "in Spain it is not the custom for ladies to grant such favors to gentlemen, even on New Year's eve, and—this is all I can do for you." Napoleon kissed the tips of the pretty fingers and said in a low tone, "Next year I shall have hand and brow as well." The presence of mind that had caused her to tread hard on her daughter's toes was a coup de pied the Countess de Montijo never regretted.

This and many more episodes equally interesting, the dear old Princesse Mathilde and her former dame de compagnie recall over their steaming tea, while the heavy winter mists obscure the early afternoon into Paris twilight.—*Ladies Journal, Toronto.*

Swimming and the Drowned.

To save the lives of reckless summer bathers, the United States Volunteer Life-Saving Corps of this state has issued a circular giving rules for the safety of people who go out on or in the water. Their usefulness is the greater when one sees that in cases of fatal accidents many of them have been more honored in the breach than in the observance. Here are some of the more pertinent maxims:

Impress upon parents the necessary duty of having their children taught to swim.

Go out in no pleasure boat of small or large dimensions without being assured that there are life-saving buoys or cushions aboard sufficient to float all on board in case of upset or collision.

With a party be sure you are all properly and satisfactorily seated before you leave the shore—particularly so with girls on board. Let no one attempt to exchange seats mid-stream.

Where the waters become rough from a sudden squall or passing steamer, never rise in the boat, but settle down as close to the bottom as possible, and keep cool until the danger is past.

A woman's skirts, if held out by her extended arms, while she uses her feet as if climbing a stairs, will often hold her up in the water while a boat may pull out from the shore and save her.

In rescuing drowning persons, seize them by the collar, back of the neck; do not let them throw their arms around your neck or arms.

If the person is unconscious, don't wait a moment for a doctor or an ambulance, but begin at once; first get the tongue out and hold it by a handkerchief or stocking to let the water out; get a buoy, box, or barrel under the stomach, or hold the person over your knee, head down, and jolt the water out of him; then turn him over side to side four or five turns, then on his back, and with a pump movement keep his arms going from pit of stomach overhead to a straight out and back fourteen to sixteen times a minute, until signs of returning life are shown. A bellows movement on the stomach at the same time is a great aid.

Let some one at once remove shoes and stockings, and at the same time rub the limbs with an upward movement from foot to knee, occasionally slapping the soles of the feet with the open hand. Working on these lines our Volunteer Life-Savers have been successful after two hours of incessant

manipulation, but generally succeed inside of thirty minutes.

Use no spirits internally until after breathing and circulation are restored, then a moderate use of stimulants or hot teas, and warm blanket or bed is of the first importance.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

Hoe Out Your Row.

I was driving, fifty years ago, with a man who had come west from a home in New Hampshire. He told me how they raised corn there. After the plowing the rest was all hand work. Every farmer was a "man with the hoe." The boys were trained to habits of industry, patience and perseverance. They went out with their father after an early breakfast. Each took his row on the side of the field nearest the house, and they hoed side by side, over and back again, until noon. Oh, how long those summer mornings seemed! How glad they were when they heard the dinner horn! But if it sounded when they had just started hoeing towards the house the father would cry: "Boys, hoe out your rows!" They could not stop work there and walk homeward. No; they must work their way. My host said that many times, after he started out into the world, those words came to him from the New England cornfield and he believed that he owed not a little of the success he had been blessed with to that paternal lesson. His ideal of life was to be thorough in all that he undertook to do. If he began to work at anything, he worked it out, no matter how great the temptation to put off the finishing to a more convenient season.—*Herald and Presbyterian.*

Doctor—What! Your dyspepsia no better? Did you follow my advice and drink hot water an hour before breakfast?

Patient—I tried to, Doctor, but I was unable to keep it up for more than five minutes at a stretch.

"Does your wife do much fancy work?"
"Fancy work? She won't even let a porous plaster come into the house without crocheting a red border round it and running a yellow ribbon through the holes."

"Fur what wor yez lickin' yer b'y, Dinny?" asked Mr. Dolan.

"He wor too pranksome. He cem up ty me an' he says did I want ty know how ty be sure iv gettin' the genuine butter instid iv oleomargerine."

"An' you says 'yes.'"

"An' I says 'yes.'"

"An' what did he say?"

"He says, 'Buy a goat.'"—*Washington Star.*

Home-made bread is responsible for many a married man's crusty temper.

"The trouble about onions," philosophized Uncle Allen Sparks, "is that when you eat them you have to take so many people into your confidence about it."

My Inspiration.

As rain a-glimmer on the morning glories,
As dew a-sprinkle on the bridal rose,
The love of thee upon my life is shining
And causing all its petals to unclose.

As light unto the world—as to creation
The mind and will of God—so unto me
Art, thou, my summer and my light and master,
And all my song doth come from only thee!
—*Etta Wallace Miller, in Woman's Work.*

Expressions Without Words.

'Twas only a glance, but all the day
That glance made glad my heart,
And thoughts thereof along my way,
Makes of life's joys a part.

—*E. E. Orcutt, in Woman's Work.*

The Household

Just Be Glad.

O heart of mine, we shouldn't
Worry so!
What we've missed of calm, we couldn't
Have, you know!
What we've met of stormy pain,
And of sorrow's driving rain,
We can better meet again,
If it blow.

We have erred in that dark hour
We have known,
When the tears fell with the shower,
All alone—

Were not shine and shower blent
As the gracious Master meant?
Let us temper our content
With his own.

For we know not every morrow
Can be sad;
So, forgetting all the sorrow
We have had,
Let us fold away our fears,
And put by our foolish tears,
And through all the coming years
Just be glad.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

For Busy Housewives.

Add a pinch of salt to coffee to give it tone.
Sprinkle clothes with hot water and a whisk
broom.

Rub tough meat with a cut lemon to make it
tender.

Rub celery on the hands to remove the odor of
onions.

Mix stove blacking with a little ammonia to pre-
vent it burning off.

Add a few drops of ammonia to the blueing wa-
ter to whiten the clothes.

Add a little sugar to milk to prevent it sticking
to the vessel while boiling.

Add one or two tablespoonfuls of sugar to strong
turnips when cooking.

Place an apple in the bread and cake boxes to
keep bread and cake moist.

Mix a little cornstarch with salt before filling
the salt shaker, to prevent its clogging.

Add a tablespoonful of kerosene to a pail of
clear hot water to wash the windows.

Sprinkle grated cheese over oatmeal porridge in-
stead of sugar and eat with cream.

Wet a cloth in cider vinegar, wrapping cheese
in it to keep moist and prevent moulding.

Make a splendid furniture polish by taking a
wine glass of olive oil, one of vinegar and two
tablespoons of alcohol; apply with a soft cloth
and polish with flannel.

Americans Should Eat More Cheese.

Cheese is not made as much of in America as it
should be. Families would find their tables
greatly improved by its judicious use, and the
question of expense need not be raised. If in-
stead of a succession of puddings and pies there
is substituted a dessert of ripe, seasonable fruit
with a small portion of cheese and crackers the
health bulletin would be more satisfactory and
the weekly or monthly bills less, while the time
spent in dessert-making would be gained for some
other purpose.—*Mary Graham in Woman's Home
Companion.*

Now and then one sees a face which has kept
its smile pure and undefiled. It is a woman's
face usually; often a face which has trace of great
sorrow all over it, till the smile breaks. Such a
smile transfigures; such a smile, if the artful but
knew it, is the greatest weapon a face can have.—
Helen Hunt.

An Impromptu Garnishing.

The occasion was an impromptu luncheon con-
sequent upon the arrival of unexpected guests at
my country home, who were only to stop over be-
tween trains and expressed a desire to meet a few
mutual friends. My cuisine satisfied me, but alas
for the garnishing! My parsley bed, for the first
time, failed. I searched for sheep sorrel, whose
dainty leaves had once stood me in good stead up-
on a similar occasion; it, too, was absent. In
despair I was turning towards the house when I
bethought me of my clover nook which I had or-
dered the lawn mower to spare. It surely smiled
up into my face now for my kindness. I filled my
little basket, and one course was rendered beauti-
ful by the emerald leaves, upon which rested the
small white blossoms. The next course was var-
ied by pink clover heads upon the green, and elic-
ited those exclamations of admiration so dear to
the heart of the hostess.—*Good Housekeeping.*

A grease spot may be permanently removed
from the floor by using common baking soda,
spread thickly over the spot, and then pouring on
boiling water. A chemical action takes place, and
the trouble is removed.

When bread is taken from the oven it should
be exposed to pure air until perfectly cool before
being wrapped in a bread blanket or put into a
bread box. A bread box should always be perfor-
ated so the air can have access to the bread.
When bread is shut in an air-tight box it becomes
moist and grows moldy.—*Good Housekeeping.*

To clean kid gloves, first see that your hands
are clean (hands must be clean) put on gloves and
wash them as though you were washing your
hands in a basin of spirits of turpentine until quite
clean. Hang up in a warm place where there is
a current of air. All odor will soon vanish.

One Day at a Time.

One day at a time! That's all it can be;
No faster than that is the hardest fate;
And days have their limits, however we
Begin them too early and stretch them late.

One day at a time! Every heart that aches
Knows only too well how long that can seem;
But it's never today which the spirit breaks;
It's the darkened future without a gleam.

One day at a time! A burden too great
To be borne for two can be borne for one;
Who knows what will enter tomorrow's gate?
While yet we are speaking all may be done.

One day at a time!—but a single day,
Whatever its load, whatever its strength;
And there's a bit of precious Scripture to say
That according to each shall be his strength.

One day at a time!
It's a wholesome rhyme—
A good one to live by;
A day at a time.

—British Weekly.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a
time. Some people bear three kinds—all they
have had, all they have now and all they expect
to have.—*Edward Everett Hale.*

Under the heading "Simple Science" in our
May issue, we advised the use of a weak solution
of carbolic acid and water for the treatment of
wounds, particularly about the hands. After the
wound is washed, a little of the solution poured
on a cloth already wet, may be used once to puri-
fy the wound, letting it alone after that though
protected by a cloth. Of course no one would
proceed to such drastic measures as keeping a
cloth wet with carbolic acid and water on a wound
unless by a doctor's orders. The nature of the
acid is caustic, and with one application its puri-
fying work has been done.—*N. Hudson Moore.*

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MRS. W. E. H.

Plan to put out more fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs and vines. The fruit crop will bring you good returns on the investment, and the ornamental trees and shrubs will add to the value of your property, as well as make the home more pleasant and comfortable.

The display of fruits at the Pan-American should prove an inspiration to every one who is at all interested in the subject. Many of the apples appear to be as fresh and hard as when picked. Prof. VanDeman, who has charge of that department and who made the arrangements for this wonderful exhibition of fruit, deserves great credit for his work.

I have read with interest your Magazine and find it very instructive.
 Royalton, Vt.

MRS. R. B. R.

I have read your Magazine more or less for a number of years, and like it very much.
 East Bolton, Quebec.

MRS. A. B.

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MRS. A. F. S.

The fact that fruit, especially apples and pears, can be kept hard and sound until July by the use of cold storage, should awaken a more general interest in the subject. It may not prove practical or profitable to keep large quantities so late in the season, but it certainly is profitable to keep plums, peaches, pears, grapes, etc., in cold storage for a few days or weeks after the general crop is harvested, as there is always a good demand for such fruits just after they have passed out of season. A cold storage plant should prove profitable in nearly every fruit community.

You are improving the Magazine every issue. Success to you.
 Trumansburg, N. Y.

N. G.

James Whitecomb Riley's hot weather advice is especially timely just now:

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 Compared with weather twice as hot.
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 For instance, while you gasp and pant
 And try to cool yourself—and can't—
 With soda cream and lemonade,
 The heat at ninety in the shade—
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 On top of them, and so concede
 The weather now is cool, indeed.

A PERSONAL LETTER.

To Those Who Receive Bills in This Issue.

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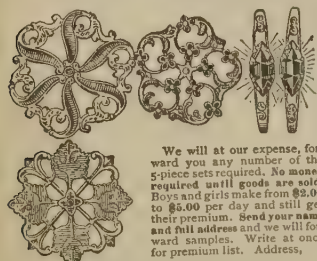
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GARDEN NOTES

Now for grapes.
 Plant late celery.
 Mulch for cool soil.
 Start early callas now.
 Purslane is a pest.
 Do your children have fruit?
 Many plants now plead for drink.
 Double lilies are not in much demand.

Garden beds look pretty after a rake dressing.

Have you discovered any value in Japan quince fruit?

Climbing lima beans without proper support are wretched.

Lilies sometimes fail from not being planted deep enough.

Do not pull cucumbers, thus hurting the vines. Cut them.

Better thin out the nasturtium vines, than have them too matted.

A bouquet of tulip tree flowers, backed by their own rich, clean, fiddle-shaped leaves, is matchless for summer table decoration.

Pot primroses, always favorite flowers, received a great addition with the coming in of obconica, and the Baby primrose, P. Forbesii.

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One bug that never will die is the horticultural humbug. Judge Miller reports that the "Tree Strawberry" took \$200 out of one small Missouri town last spring.

The writer gets a good deal of garden recreation for himself by keeping numerous large flower beds and borders weedless. A good rake, often used, is about the only tool.

Governor Tanner of Illinois is a large fruit grower. He reports that his orchards in Clay county will produce twenty times as many apples this year as in any previous year.

The scientific cultivation of beets for the purpose of securing improved seed dates back to 1850 when individual beets found to be especially rich in sugar were first selected for this purpose.

Green corn, young onions, lettuce, peas and other garden delicacies may each have a long season by planting successive crops. There are early and late varieties of almost all kinds of vegetables that may be employed in this rotation.

Tomatoes have but little if any value as a nutritious food. They gratify the senses of sight, smell and taste, promote appetite, aid digestion and are otherwise wholesome, hence have peculiar value which will always make them an important garden product.

Recently the writer visited a health food restaurant in a large city. When the proprietor was asked why no meats were served, his answer was, that meats were not considered health foods. We may not subscribe to that ruling, and yet the conviction grows upon us that more reliance on vegetables and less on flesh for food variety, would be a benefit to the race. And our own practice corres-

ponds more and more with this conviction as the years go by.

If you have a favorite evergreen or other tree on the lawn which you would like to favor with a little special summer treatment in a dry season, mulch it. To do this, cut out a circle of sward about four feet across with the tree in the center, lowering the soil about two inches. Into this space place a mulch of straw to a depth so that when it is settled the surface will be about even with the surrounding grass. The mulch will then not interfere with the lawn mower, while the tree will withstand the vicissitudes of dry and wet weather with remarkable impunity.

An authority on fruit matters remarks that grapes cannot be improved as food by cooking or any other process. He says that to enjoy them as dessert food is the best way of using. It may be the ideal way, from some standpoints, but how about wasted skins? When grapes are eaten fresh the skins are lost, while in cooking there is a considerable fruit value included in the product as coming from the covers. Most fruit purchasers in our cities cannot afford to waste the skins, hence they will argue that the best way for them to use grapes is first to cook them.

The sweet and gorgeous Jacqueminot rose must continue to be a favorite, notwithstanding the many new comers of merit. The advantage of the old variety is, it gives growers that which they want in a rose: an abundance of magnificent, fragrant, highly colored buds and blooms. The plant is so vigorous and hardy that you may be sure if one is set this year, it will be thrifty and floriferous next year and for a dozen and more years to come. Such an assurance is not present in the case of many of the newer sorts. They too often require very delicate handling—then you are not certain of their proving a real success. Plant the Jacqueminot and others of like vigor and hardiness, and with anything like decent treatment, you are going to have roses, and have them in abundance.

Buying Worms.

The case of the village authorities of Saratoga, N. Y., buying forest tent caterpillars by the quart recently, as reported in the papers, was rather a novel proceeding for the town in which it occurred. Who was the buying done from? From several hundred men, women and children who had gathered the worms from the beautiful shade trees of Saratoga. The price given was twenty cents a quart and \$250 was paid for the squirming worms, the purchase filling several sugar barrels. It was thought to be the best way of cleaning the trees from the pest. Years ago, when birds had not been so decimated by the fancies of fashion, we never heard of trying the destruction of worms as above reported. But gradually the public is awakening to the greatness of the calamity of an almost birdless land, and the slaughter of the feathery tribes is somewhat lessening. Birds, of all kinds, and especially young birds are prodigious insect destroyers. Kill them and naturally the insects increase.

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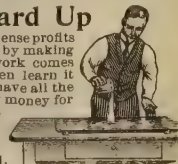


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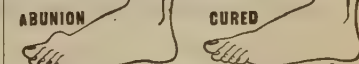
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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

Late Strawberry Beds.

August or September is a good time to set a small patch of strawberries for home use, in case one was not set in the spring. It would not be possible to have a heavy crop the first year, but a good many berries can be had with proper treatment. There are some things that are essential in getting a profitable strawberry bed by late setting:

The first is, that strong plants be obtained. Potted plants are best, but they are somewhat costly. Nearly all the nurseries have them to sell at fair prices, and for a little place and where there is no chance to produce them at or near home it is the cheapest and wisest plan to buy them so. The time to pot the runners is in June, and those who have not done so already need not think of doing it in late midsummer.

The next best thing to potted plants is to dig up, with plenty of earth about their roots, strong ones that have rooted in a natural way in the soil on one's own place, or that of a neighbor, and remove them with great care to the new location. By taking them up with a trowel and with a ball of damp earth to each one, placing them one layer deep in boxes, they may be carried a mile or more with safety.

Another essential is, that the season be reasonably moist. Strawberry plants require plenty of moisture and when the soil is very dry it is useless to attempt setting a new bed, unless there is some way to irrigate it. It is better to defer the setting a short time rather than risk the plants in dry soil. They must not only live, but flourish, if a reasonable crop is to be had the next year. Cultivation should be begun at once and kept up until growth stops in the fall. In this way I have produced excellent crops of nice berries for home use, on several occasions.

Fruit Syrups.

There is a very nice and cheap way to utilize very ripe fruit, and sometimes the parings and cores that are usually thrown away. This is to make them into fruit syrup. It is very easy to make and often costs nothing beyond the sugar and the labor. We first began making it at our house when we had some very nice peach parings that were left after canning Heath Clings. Then we used some parings and cores of pears left in the same way. We kept on using such scraps until we found the syrups so nice that we now use berries, grapes and any other fruits that are rich and give a nice flavor. We use them on pancakes and in any other way that maple syrup is used.

The way we make fruit syrup is to put the whole fruit, or the parings, cores, etc., in a stewkettle with a little water over them; when this is scalded through, the whole thing is put into a fine colander, or strong but loosely woven sack, and drained at first and then squeezed to get all the juice out. This is put over the fire again and after a little boiling alone, about six pounds of sugar is added to

it and boiled until it is a true syrup. This is put into bottles, corked and sealed by turning them upside down and dipping the ends in melted sealing wax. We can use the syrup for making a nice drink, flavoring ice cream, or upon buckwheat cakes, etc. Everyone who puts up fruit ought to try it. Beer bottles, well cleaned, are very good for the purpose.

Gathering Pears.

There is scarcely a variety of pear that should be left to fully ripen on the tree. A part of them will rot at the core before they are soft on the outside, and all are benefited in flavor by house ripening. The way I always tell when pears are ripe enough to gather is when they come off easy. By taking the pear in the hand and placing the front finger along the stem and then turning it upwards or backwards it will unjoint, if ready. They should be stored in a cellar or other moderately cool and even temperatured room and left to get properly colored and a little mellow before using or offering to sell them. If ripening is desired to be hastened, the pears should be put in a warm, but dry, room, and yet kept well covered from the light.

Do Not Forget the Peach Tree Borers.

It is a small job to keep peach trees free from borers, and yet how few of us do it as we should. There are many washes and methods of prevention recommended, and some of them somewhat effective, but the old plan of digging out the borers is about the best. The eggs which produce the borers are laid on the tree just at the top of the ground during the early part of the summer and the sooner the grubs are dug the better. A little experience will soon enable one to find them. A garden trowel to dig down a little way into the earth and a stout knife to cut into the bark are all the tools needed. A thorough search should be made at least twice a year, spring and fall being the best times, and there will be very little damage from peach tree borers.

To Meet at Buffalo.

The American Pomological Society has decided upon Buffalo as the place for its 27th biennial session, and has selected September 12 and 13 as the dates for the meeting.

As Buffalo is near the famous fruit districts of Western New York, Northwestern Pennsylvania and Eastern Ontario, it is expected that the attendance will be large.

A programme covering subjects of general interest of fruit growers and consumers is being arranged, and will be announced in due time.

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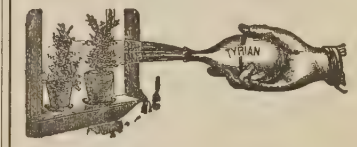
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Caring for Young Babies.

The majority of children are healthy when they are born, and may be kept healthy if they receive the care and attention which all mothers should give. A babe loves warmth and he needs plenty of good nourishing food. During the first few months of his life, he will sleep all night and about one-third of the day. Allow him to enjoy his nap undisturbed, and if one is careful to establish the habit of going to sleep at the same time every day, there will be little trouble to get him to sleep when that time arrives.

A watchful mother can soon decide whether a child cries because he is spoiled or because he is in pain. If he is suffering from an attack of colic, take off all his clothes except his band, which should not be loosened if he is crying very hard. Wrap him in a soft woolen shawl, and rub his little limbs, stomach and bowels with the hands. A drink of water as warm as he will take it, often proves beneficial. When he is thoroughly warm he will usually stop crying, and nestle down for a comfortable sleep. Warm the blanket and pillow in his little crib, fold the shawl closely around him and place the crib in a corner where a draught will not strike him. When he wakes he will be as bright and fresh as ever.

After the baby has his bath, which should be given as regularly every day as his meals, wash his tongue, gums and the roof of his mouth with a soft piece of old linen dipped in cool water, in which a pinch of boracic acid has been dissolved. If this is done regularly, the baby will not be troubled with sore mouth or thrush, which is a common and often dangerous disease of babyhood. If his mouth has been neglected until it is sore, prepare a lotion using one-half dram tincture of myrrh, one fluid dram glycerine and twenty grains of borax. Add water enough to make one fluid ounce. Apply with a camel's hair brush all over the tongue and gums where the small white patches occur.

Do not forget that a baby needs water as well as food, for the little mouth gets very dry and hot and a drink of cool water will often quiet him when nothing else will.

If a baby is troubled with diarrhea, make a gruel from the following recipe: Put half a pint of good wheat flour in a square of strong muslin. Fold up the corners forming the flour into a ball. Tie tightly and put it in boiling water. Boil continually for five hours. Take it up, untie and remove the muslin. Grate the flour, put it on a paper and lay it in a warm oven until dry. When you wish to prepare it, moisten two tablespoonfuls of this flour with water, pour on enough boiling water to make the gruel the proper consistency, and cook three minutes. Add two tablespoonfuls of cream and a little sugar. An attack of constipation is soon relieved by giving a teaspoon of fruit juice every fifteen minutes. Regulating the baby's diet properly will usually keep him healthy and good natured.

—E. J. C.

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school, too,
And they made the likeliest courtin'!

There are no boys like the good old boys—
When we were boys together!
When the grass was sweet to the brown bare
feet
That dimpled the laughing heather;
When the pewee sung to the summer dawn
Or the bee in the willow clover,
Or down by the mill the whip-poor-will
Echoed his night song over.

There is no love like the good old love—
The love that mother gave us!
We are old, old men, yet we pine again
For the precious grace God gave us!
So we dream and dream of the good old times,
And our hearts grow tenderer, fonder,
As those dear old beams bring soothing gleams
Of heaven away off yonder.

Out in the Fields.

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might pass,
I cast them all away
Among the clover scented grass,
Among the new mown hay,
Among the hushing of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born—
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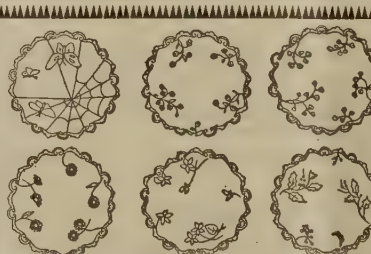
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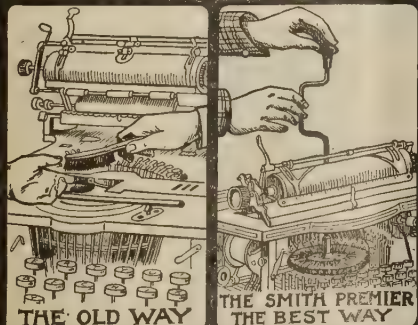
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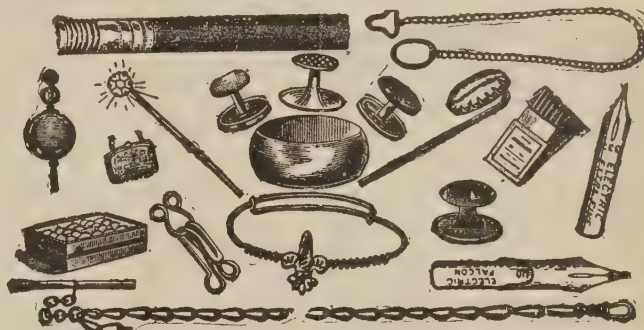
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There is ever a song somewhere my dear—
There is ever a song somewhere.

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
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Gail Hamilton: Goethe says, "A man must be either an anvil or a hammer." Yet how many are nothing but bellows.

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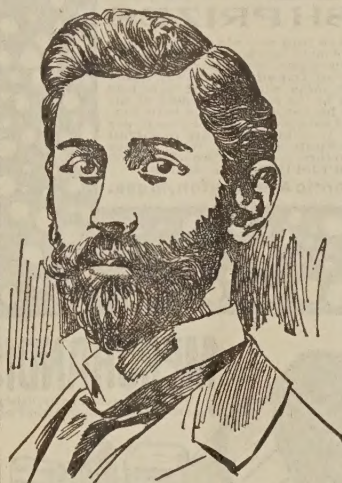
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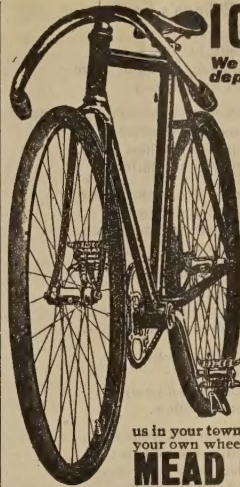
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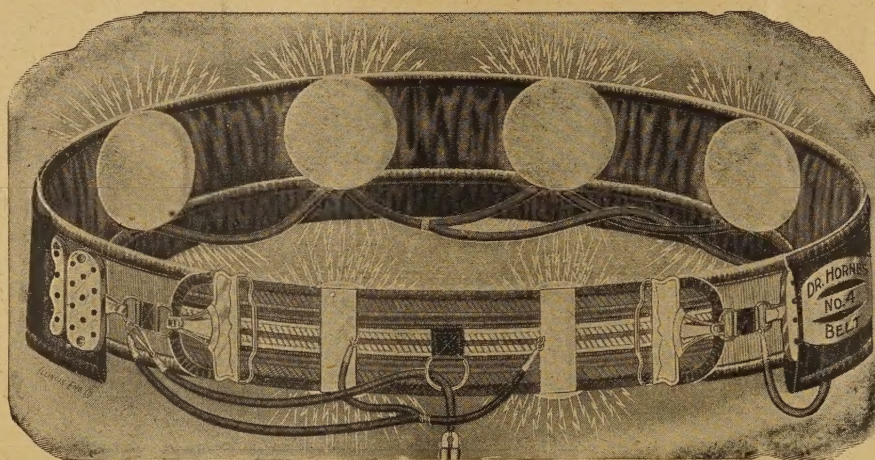
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